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Two men clear debris from their home in West Beirut. The building which overlooks the Christian sector of the city was destroyed during the fierce artillery bombardment between Syrian forces and Christian troops. (Reuters wirephoto)

## 'KD100' carries the dead to India

By Fathima Ahmed  
Arab Times staff

AIR India's Regional Director S.V.N. Ranga Rao has announced an approval to transport the human remains from Kuwait to India on a flat rate of KD100.

Rao, who made a brief stopover on his way back from Baghdad, told Air India officials in Kuwait to implement the rate immediately.

Previously, AI charges for dead bodies were KD206 for Bombay and KD265 for Trivandrum. From now on, KD100 would be charged for any part of arrival covered by Air India, like Delhi, Bombay or Trivandrum.

A. Al. Kuwait, official said the flat rate of KD100 does not include the transport charges on the domestic sector. Indian Airlines charges will have to be paid. Domestic sector charges vary, according to distance etc.

The United Malayalee Organisation, UMO, had appealed to India's Minister of Civil Aviation in July to reduce the charges for the transportation of human remains on humanitarian grounds.

Rao was in Baghdad for the commencement of AI flights to Iraq on Aug. 14. The weekly flights will carry passengers from Baghdad and Kuwait to Bombay and Delhi.

## Ban Hindi?

LONDON, Aug. 16, (KUNA): The children of English-speaking parents in the UK might be banned from studying their mother tongue in schools under the new national curriculum, it was reported today.

The practicality of introducing the ban will be considered by a working party set up to advise British ministers on the teaching of modern languages under the new system to be introduced into British state schools next month.

The foreign languages mainly include most of the languages spoken by the immigrant communities including Bengali, Chinese, Hindi and Urdu.

The plan has been condemned by ethnic groups here. The President of the Confederation of Indian Organisations, Tara Mukherjee, said this idea of the ban is quite wrong and appalling.

## Maid dies in 7-storey fall

By Nawaf Al Hameli

A FILIPINO maid, aged 24, fell from an apartment in the 7th floor of Habadon residential complex. She was taken to hospital where she died. A case was registered at Fahad police station and the security men have begun investigations to determine the cause of the fall. The body of the maid was referred to the forensic doctor for examination.

## Troops may have shot missionary

MANILA, Aug. 16, (AP): Soldiers stormed a prison and killed convicts holding a religious group hostage after learning they had murdered male captives and raped the women, the officer in charge of the jail said today.

Officials said most of the hostages were slain by their captors before the assault and that none of the captives died in the military attack.

But Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said in Canberra one of the dead hostages, missionary Jacqueline Hamill, 36, of Sydney, may have been killed by Filipino troops. The doctor who performed the autopsy said Miss Hamill apparently bled to death hours before the final attack.

Hamill's body was found dumped outside the detention

centre with a bullet wound in the chest.

Evans told the Australian Senate that Hamill may have been wounded when soldiers fired at the convicts during the escape attempt yesterday morning.

A Filipino official's comment appeared to support this view.

Dr Jose Pagsaligan, chief medical officer who performed the autopsy on Hamill, said in Davao city that she apparently had been shot from a distance and had bled to death.

He told reporters Hamill's body had no powder burns, indicating she was not shot at close range.

'Rescue bungled'  
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## Walesa choice for PM

WARSAW, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Solidarity today proposed its chairman Lech Walesa as prime minister, defying the ruling Communist Party and throwing Poland into a new round of political turmoil.

Solidarity's parliamentary leadership made the proposal in a statement circulated to deputies of two small non-communist parties with which the once-banned trade union is trying to form a coalition government.

"We think that a parliamentary coalition of the United Peasants' Party (UPP), the Democratic Party and Solidarity can form a government of national responsibility under the leadership of Lech Walesa," the leadership said.

"All political forces of our country which have decided to act in the name of political and economic reform could be represented in this government," it said.

Solidarity's move took Poland into uncharted waters. The communists have resigned supreme for 45 years and party leader Mieczyslaw Rakowski said it was not the time to surrender. Another senior party official declared: "We are not in a state of parliamentary democracy yet."

Legislators from the UPP and the Democratic Party were deciding whether to approve the proposal after discussing it with Solidarity colleagues at a meeting in Parliament.

The two small parties control 22 per cent of seats in Parliament and Solidarity has 35 per cent. If all three groups chose as a bloc to support Walesa as prime minister they could easily outvote the Communists, who have 38 per cent.

Walesa was travelling to Warsaw this evening to address the meeting at Parliament.

The parliamentary leaders of the UPP and the Democratic Party, Alexander Beutkowski and Jan Jankowski, both told the meeting that they supported Walesa as prime minister.

## 'Retain base'

Stranded Vice President Salvador Laurel on Wednesday urged an extension of the lease on strategic US military bases in the Philippines, saying leaders of neighbouring countries favour the retention of the installations.

Citing a report he had prepared after a tour of the region, Laurel said in an interview with DZBB Radio that the Philippines' partners in the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) favour a continued stay of the bases in the country.

"Most of the ASEAN members... are one in the position that if the Philippines decides to give the Americans an extension of five to 10 years, they will not go against it," Laurel said. "They will agree to it."

ASEAN is composed of the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Malaysia and Indonesia. (UPI)

## Karubi elected

The Iranian Islamic Shura Council (Parliament) on Wednesday elected Mahdi Karubi as new Speaker to fill the post which remained vacant since the election of the former chief legislator as President of Islamic Republic of Iran. Radio Tehran reported. (KUNA) (See Page 7)

## Military delegation

A high ranking Pakistani military delegation will be visiting Jordan within the upcoming two days, it was learnt.

The Pakistani delegation will hold talks with officials of the Jordanian military command on issues of common interest, it was reported.

The team will also inspect a number of Jordanian military installations. (KUNA)

## Armoured vehicles

Kuwait has received the first batch of Egyptian-made armoured vehicles called 'Fahd' manufactured by the Arab Manufacturing Authority.

The military editor told the Middle East News Agency that a Kuwaiti technical committee is currently in Egypt to whom the batch was delivered in three stages.

The armoured vehicle, Fahd, is capable of operation under all geographical and climatic conditions, tear-down barriers and has room for 12 army personnel.

It is equipped with three light machine-gun bases, smoke grenade launchers, cannon tower, rocket launcher and anti-tank missiles. It has a maximum speed of 90 kilometres per hour.

The vehicle can also be fitted with anti-chemical and biological warfare equipment and night vision systems. Kuwait is the third country to get these vehicles after Oman and Zaire, the official said.

## 5,000 flee raids

More than 5,000 people fleeing government raids in southern Somalia have crossed into neighbouring Kenya in the past two weeks, a newspaper reported on Wednesday.

The refugees started moving into Kenya on July 31 after Somali troops killed 27 people in five days of raids around Doble, 20 kilometres (12 miles) east of Kenya's border, according to the English-language daily the Standard. (AP)

## Asimov mosque

The Asimov mosque in Kazan has been returned to believers on the eve of the 1,000th anniversary (lunar calendar) of the adoption of Islam in this area. (KUNA)

## 'Non-stop' flight

An Australian jumbo jet took off from Heathrow airport London, yesterday in a bid to become the first commercial airliner to fly non-stop from London to Sydney.

Qantas airline said it hoped the plane would complete the 11,150-mile (18,000-km) journey in about 20 hours. The brand-new Boeing 747-400 was on the last leg of its delivery flight from Boeing's plant in Seattle.

Non-essential galley equipment was removed to lighten it. The jumbo jet was towed onto the runway to save fuel at the start of the non-stop flight.

Four Qantas captains waving goodbye (picture) at the Heathrow airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

Four Qantas captains waving goodbye (picture) at the Heathrow airport. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Truce call welcomed; Assad steels position

'Ceasefire of convenience' taking hold

BEIRUT, Aug. 16, (Agencies): Lebanese Christian Gen. Michel Aoun and Syria expressed readiness today to observe a UN call for halting hostilities in the latest, week-old fighting that has killed more than 120 people.

The violence largely subsided late today except for limited skirmishes along the Green Line that divides Beirut into Muslim and Christian halves.

But witnesses said Syria continued muscle-flexing military movements in an apparent attempt to maintain pressure on the Christian forces, sending a column of Soviet-made tanks, heavy weapons and about 2,000 fresh soldiers into Lebanon.

The Syrian troops crossed the border and took up positions in the

Upper Meta region on the northeastern fringes of the Christian region, the witnesses said.

Syria, which has about 33,000 soldiers in Lebanon under a 1976 Arab League peacekeeping mandate, has been trying to crush the Christian-led Army since March, when Aoun vowed to force the Syrians to leave Lebanon.

An independent observer, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the warring factions appeared to be observing a "ceasefire of convenience. They are quietly bolstering their forces."

Muslim security sources said Syrian and allied militias brought additional tanks, troops and truckloads of ammunition to their positions along the 66-mile (108-kilometre) confrontation line with Aoun's heavily outnumbered Army.



Selling Zia

Vendors in Islamabad sell portraits of the late military President Mohammed Zia-ul-Haq, who ruled Pakistan for 11 years, on the eve of the first anniversary of his death. Also shown is the portrait of Zia's right-hand man, General Akhtar Abdul Rehman, killed in the same, as yet unexplained, plane crash on Aug. 17, 1988. (Reuters wirephoto)



Crossing the Rubicon

Security agents yesterday questioned a student about her unauthorized trip to North Korea.

Government officials said Im Su-Kyong, 20, was being interrogated by the Agency for National Security Planning at a heavily guarded downtown hospital where she was taken for a medical checkup.

The 20-year-old college student, hailed as 'flower of unification' by supporters, crossed the Korean border (picture left) through the truce village of Panmunjom,

holding the hand of a Roman Catholic priest, Rev. Moon Gyu-Hyun, who had travelled to the north to escort her home.

Im was taken into custody (picture right) and flown to Seoul by police helicopter. Moon was also held.

The South Korean government has said Im and Moon will be charged with making an unauthorized trip to an enemy country and other anti-state acts. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Bear to hug Sharon

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Israeli Trade and Industry Minister Ariel Sharon will make an official visit to the Soviet Union in October, the first by a cabinet minister since Moscow broke ties in 1967, his ministry said today.

Sharon was invited to visit the Soviet republic of Georgia by members of a Georgian delegation in Israel to promote trade ties and set up a Soviet-Israeli Chamber of Commerce in Tel Aviv, a ministry statement said.

It said Sharon's invitation was authorised by the Soviet Union's Foreign Ministry, but the hawkish former defence minister would not visit Moscow.

The Soviet Union, followed by all East bloc countries except Romania, severed ties with the Jewish state over the 1967 Middle East war. But Moscow has re-established low-level diplomatic ties amid a general thaw between the two countries.

## Troops restore calm to Karachi

ISLAMABAD, Aug. 16, (KUNA): Troops were patrolling large parts of the eastern district of Karachi after two days of violence left at least seven persons dead and another 25 injured, some of them seriously.

Entry and exit points into and out of the eastern district were also strictly guarded by police and troops in order to prevent spread of trouble in the adjoining districts, which were reported to be tense.

Troops were ordered to move into Korangi, Malir, Landhi, Quaidabad, Faisal colony, Saudabad and Model colony last night after masked gunmen riding a stolen Charade car fired indiscriminately in the district, causing deaths and creating terror.

Later another unidentified car in an apparent reprisal attack went on the rampage after which there were several cases of looting, arson and exchange of fire between groups of people.

Indefinite curfew clamped on these areas last night was in force today.

## Yaqub Khan in Tehran on mission to free hostages

NICOSIA, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Pakistani Foreign Minister Sahabzada Yaqub Khan arrived in Tehran today for what Iranian sources in the Gulf say will be an effort to mediate over the fate of Western hostages in Lebanon.

After talks with Iran's President-elect, Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, he will leave on Friday for Syria, another country with leverage over Lebanese militant groups.

Iran has denied reports that Yaqub Khan's visit

is linked to the crisis triggered by Israel's abduction of a pro-Iranian Shiite cleric from south Lebanon last month and the reported hanging of US hostage William Higgins in revenge.

The official Iranian news agency IRNA, reporting his arrival, said he would discuss regional and international issues.

"Latest developments in Afghanistan will also be discussed with the Iranian officials," IRNA quoted Yaqub Khan as saying.

Iranian political sources in the Gulf say Pakistan, which has good relations with both Tehran and Washington, offered to mediate over the hostages.

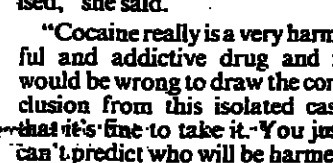
The United States believes Iran has enough control over Shiite extremists in Lebanon to free the hostages if it wishes but finds the signals from Tehran confusing.

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A deposition from the blood donor, identified as "John Doe" in court records, shows he has refused to be tested for AIDS because he fears the result might prevent him from getting jobs and health insurance.

According to La Suisse, two new posters concerning AIDS are to be displayed all over the country. While one of them proclaims that mosquitoes do not transmit the virus, the other claims there is no danger of contracting the disease from kissing.



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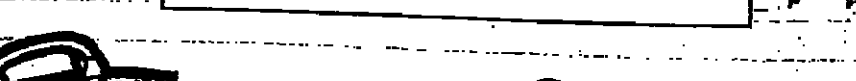
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# Twenty-six crimes committed every minute in US

WASHINGTON, Aug 16, (Reuters) — Three Americans are shot or stabbed, raped or robbed every minute, according to new crime statistics.

Add theft and burglaries, and the new figures combine to 26 crimes every minute of 1988, a new record. The trend goes up as drug dealers create what a recent study called "little Beirut" in major cities.

The annual report on crime in the United States issued by the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) recorded 20,675 murders in 1988, a 2.9 per cent increase over 1987. That puts the country high up in the

international murder league.

The US murder rate is roughly seven times that of Britain and overall the US crime rate is substantially higher than in Japan and most European countries.

The FBI report, released earlier this month, said 1,560,000 crimes of violence had been committed last year, with "property crimes" — burglary, theft, car theft — running at 12,360,000.

Washington retained its position as the murder capital of the United States, with 369 citizens murdered last year — a kill rate of 59.5 per 100,000.

Washingtonians murdered each other at an accelerated pace this year, with 263 victims by early August. This would take the 1989 total to about 420 if the trend continues. Between January and early August 1988, police registered 191 murders.

To keep track of violence in the shadow of the White House, a Washington TV channel has begun running a series entitled "city under siege." The Washington Times newspaper reports violence under a new heading: "The War Zone."

Introducing the report, FBI Director William Sessions described drugs as an

important factor behind crime but added there was no precise gauge to measure the link between drugs and crime.

Policemen in the street and independent analysts have little doubt that drugs — particularly the potent "crack" version of cocaine — are at the core of the violence, which has turned entire big city areas into combat zones.

● "These cities have their own little Beirut, little Medellins," noted a recent study by the Rand Corporation, a California-based policy research institute. Beirut has become a synonym for anar-

chy while the Colombian city of Medellin, home of a powerful cocaine trafficking organisation, has the highest murder rate in the world.

But even Washington, whose murder rate is roughly seven times the US national average, still has a long way to go to equal Medellin. An average of 2,000 citizens of Medellin have been murdered every year since the mid-1980s.

Still, crime in the United States has reached such proportions that Americans now stand a greater chance of becoming victims of a violent crime than of being hurt in a car

accident, according to the US Justice Department.

Over the past few years, one in every four US households has been hit by a violent crime of theft. And murder is the second most frequent cause of death for people aged between 15 and 34, the department reported last year.

Alarming as the figures seem, they give only part of an overall picture which is even bleaker. In April the Justice Department published a survey which suggested that only 36 per cent of all crimes are reported to the police.

## Bakker of PTL will go on trial

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Aug 16, (AP) — After two years of revelations in a sex and money scandal, electronic evangelist Jim Bakker faces trial on charges of using television, telephones and the mail to defraud supporters out of millions of dollars.

Jury selection in his fraud and conspiracy trial is set for Monday. Opening arguments are to begin one week later and the trial is expected to last at least six weeks, with dozens of witnesses and thousands of documents.

Bakker, whose multimillion-dollar evangelical empire known as PTL crumbled after word leaked about his sexual tryst with a church secretary, is charged in a 24-count indictment with diverting millions of dollars from his ministry to support a lavish lifestyle.

The case against Bakker resulted from a 16-month federal grand jury investigation into PTL, which once boasted \$129 million in revenue under his leadership.

Richard Dortch, Bakker's former top aide at the now-bankrupt television ministry and former co-defendant in the case, agreed on Aug 8 to plead guilty to four counts and to testify against Bakker.

It's been more than two years since Bakker stepped down as chairman of PTL, following revelations about his sexual encounter with secretary Jessica Hahn and hush-money paid to her by the television ministry.

The story broke in March 1987. Disclosures about Jim and Tammy Bakker's extravagant spending habits on homes, cars and jewellery, PTL's bankruptcy proceedings, and charges of homosexuality by former Bakker associates touched off an unprecedented "holy war" among some of the United States' most prominent televangelists, including Jerry Falwell and Jimmy Swaggart.

## Leona pleads 'not greedy'

NEW YORK, Aug 16, (Reuters) — Lawyers for self-styled New York "hotel queen" Leona Helmsley argued yesterday that she was not a greedy, extravagant tax cheat but a dedicated businesswoman with little time for pleasure.

The prosecution at Helmsley's colourful, headline-making trial has painted her as a ruthless employer who fired people who would not meet her demands to fake personal expenses as business spending.

In particular, a key accusation in her tax evasion case is that Helmsley billed her hotel operations for remodeling costs and other personal expenses at her palatial Connecticut weekend retreat, a short Limousine drive from Man-

hattan, where Leona and her husband Harry own a number of exclusive hotels, plus other real estate interests.

Not only was Leona innocent of the \$4-million tax evasion charge, her defence lawyers said on the opening day of defence arguments, but a new study by tax experts showed that the government actually owes her a refund.

Judge John Walker will hear arguments today whether to admit that evidence.

Yesterday, former aide Martin Goldstein testified that the Helmsleys used the Dunes Hotel, Connecticut, mansion purely for business.

## Lovelorn soldier gets life

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, Aug 16, (UPI) — An employee of the Belgian Embassy to the United States was convicted of first-degree murder yesterday in one of two slayings police said he committed after being spurned by his homosexual lover.

A 12-member Broward County Circuit Jury deliberated 5 1/2 hours before returning the verdict against Rudy Van Den Borre, 26.

Circuit Judge Russel Seay immediately sentenced him to life in prison and scheduled jury selection for the defendant's second first-degree murder trial to begin today.

Van Den Borre, a soldier assigned to the Belgian Embassy in Washington, testified Monday that he was innocent, maintaining his earlier assertion that he was arrested after initiating an elaborate plan to win back his estranged lover.

He said he thought that if he confessed to the unsolved murders of two gay men on Fort Lauderdale beach he would gain media notoriety and his lover's sympathy, and would eventually be cleared of the crimes by police. In his testimony he denied having anything to do with the murders.

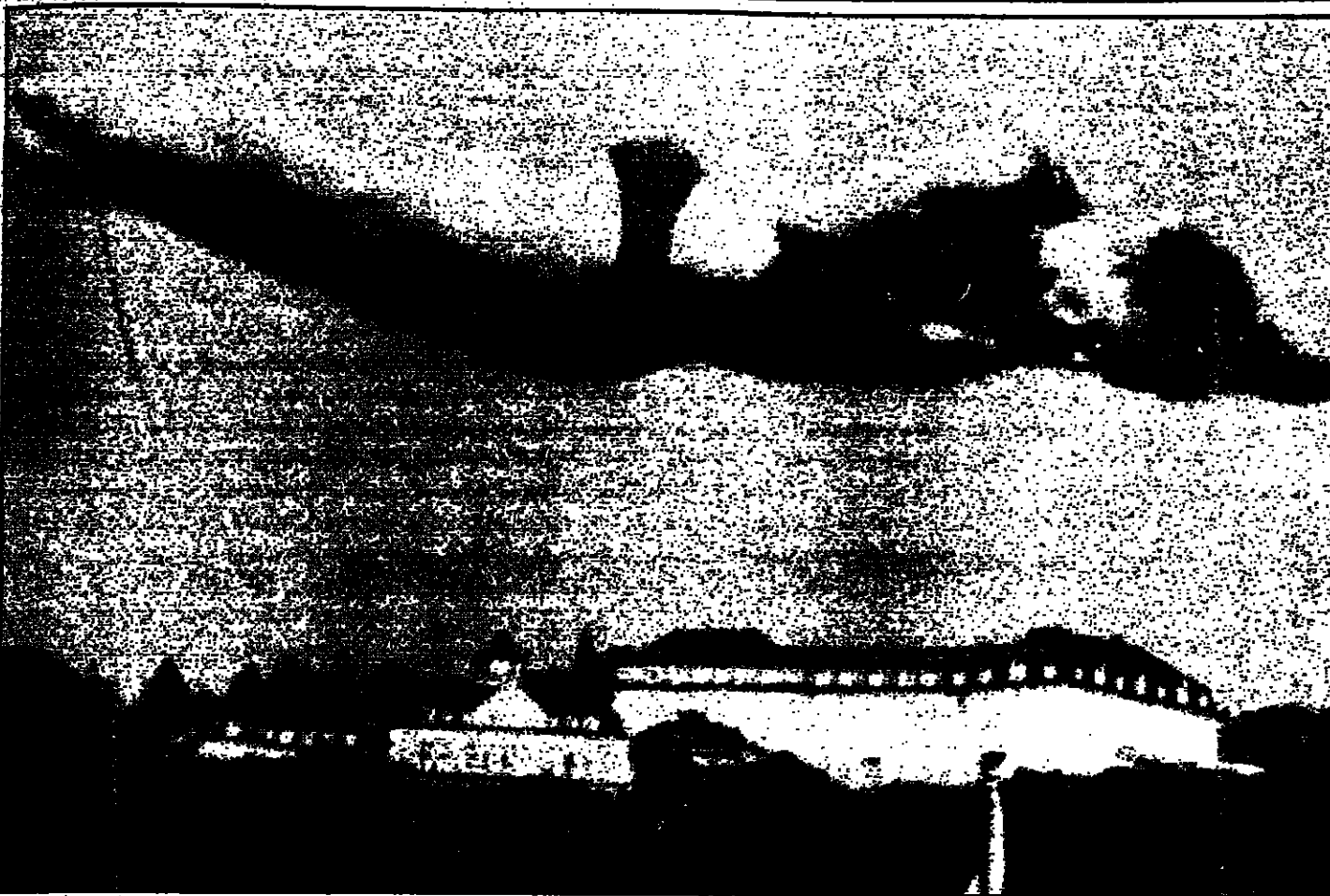


Ceremony of atonement

Monarchists dressed in regional costumes carry royalist banners as they demonstrate Tuesday in Paris against the commemoration of the bicentennial of the French Revolution.

The hymn-singing procession, with hundreds of banners bearing Royal and Christian symbols, followed a 2.5 mile (four-kilometre route) from the Louvre to the opera and back via the stock market district.

Leading the procession was the Rev Philippe Laguerie, leader in Paris of fundamentalist Roman Catholics loyal to rebel Archbishop Marcel Lefebvre. Pope John Paul II excommunicated Lefebvre for consecrating bishops in his order without authorisation. (Reuters wirephoto)



No fear of flying

An unidentified diver appears to hang over the Petersberg complex in Bonn while competing in the three-metre diving final at the European swimming championships Tuesday. For more, see page 24. (Reuters wirephoto)

swimming championships Tuesday. For more, see page 24. (Reuters wirephoto)

PHOENIX: Singer-songwriter Julian Lennon says he's learned to separate himself from the legend of his late father, John Lennon, of the Beatles, and wishes other people would, too.

"I've only basically come to terms with it in the last two or three years after throwing myself into this industry," said Lennon, 26, who is touring to promote his third album, *Mr. Jordan*, and performed in Phoenix. "I didn't feel the pressure of being someone's son. People would ask: How do you feel about this shadow? There was no shadow for me."

Basically, what people were saying, I'm not good enough to take dad's place. I'm not in competition with my father, not inside my heart. (AP)

DALLAS: Singer Mary Travers says the audience for the veteran folk trio Peter, Paul and Mary is spreading across generations.

"There's something very special about looking down in the front rows and seeing a father and his daughter both singing 'puff, the magic dragon,'" she said.

Ms Travers, a grandmother now, says the group tries to do about 60 concerts a year and still relies on all-acoustic sound.

"Two guitars and three voices," she said in an interview before a recent Dallas concert. "Seems like enough to me." (AP)

TAYLOR, Texas: Don Johnson has fans so worked up here to meet him or find out where scenes are being shot for his new movie that some have taken the extreme measure of seeking help from the Chamber of Commerce.

The former star of the television series *Miami Vice* and director Dennis Hooper have begun filming *Heat*, a crime thriller and love story that is touted as being in the tradition of the steamy *Body Heat*.

Very few residents in this town of some 10,000 people about 25 miles (40 kilometres) north of Austin have voiced concerns that the movie appears to be headed to a solid "R" rating. Bedroom scenes between Johnson and Virginia Madsen are to be filmed in a 96-year-old stucco mansion, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram (AP)

MONTREAL: British pop singer Samantha Fox has been released from the Royal Victoria Hospital after suffering severe stomach pains.

Fox, 22, was admitted to the hospital after an open-air concert at Terrebonne, east of Montreal, and diagnosed as suffering from acute erosive gastritis, a corrosive inflammation of the stomach similar to an ulcer.

The concert went off without a hitch, but Fox

## Stolen memories

### Lost in time

WASHINGTON, Aug 16, (AP) — The money was gone, but the workers figured Alice Wilson would still like to have back the purse they found behind her old department store cabinet. They were right. Found nearly two decades after it was stolen, it was like her own personal time capsule.

There were pictures, an address book, old telephone numbers, memories.

The construction workers who found it — Chuck Williams and Tracy Johnston — eventually found Ms Wilson, using the phone numbers.

"It was my favourite purse at the time because it was given to me for my birthday," Ms Wilson, now 39, said yesterday. "Never in a million years did I think I would get that purse back."

Inside was her learner's permit for driving. There were photos of her high school sweetheart, her girlfriends from high school.

There was her then-new voter registration card, along with gold-coloured lipstick and makeup.

There was a photo of her mother smoking a cigarette. Ms Wilson happily said her mom has since given up the habit.

Then there was a photo of herself as a much younger woman, wearing red ballroom pants, a halter top and platform shoes. In another she wore a mini dress.

"It brought back memories," said Ms Wilson, for Forestville, Maryland, who now works as a congressional liaison for the US Department of the Army.

A thief had apparently stolen her purse from a locker 19 years ago when she worked as a secretary at a department store. The abandoned building is being torn down.

complained of stomach problems when she returned to her hotel. She spent the night in the hospital and was released on Monday afternoon and told to rest for two days.

Fox is on an extensive tour of the province. (AP)

DALLAS: It wasn't because Elton John and his four guests ordered a \$1,000 bottle of 1959 Chateau Latour, the smoked shrimp and oven roast

pheasant on corn puffs with poblano chili ranchero.

They let him keep his hat on at the mansion despite their rigorous dress code, restaurant officials said, because the British rocker has a reputation for unusual attire.

"It was a military envelope-type hat that sits on top of a head with a jewelled brooch attached and aassel hanging down," said Wayne Moonstreet.

"We allowed it only because it's a costume look which you kind of expect from Elton John. We allow clothes that are native to a country or a costume or uniform. The whole look has to be right." (AP)

ATLANTIC CITY, New Jersey: Cher's show will finally go on at the Sands Resort after a wait of nearly a year and a half.

Six giant billboards with "Cher" spelled out in huge pink letters have been set up in New York and New Jersey.

The much ballyhooed five-night stand was announced in March 1988, as the Oscar-winning star's first nightclub engagement since she got serious about acting, some eight years ago. The show was scheduled and postponed last November and this March.

"With any other artist, they might have lost interest," she Sands entertainment director Jay Venezia. "Since the artist was Cher, it became that much bigger, it heightened the excitement."

The 43-year-old star won an Oscar for best actress in *Moonstruck*. (AP)

RABAT: Angered by her husband's drinking habits, a Moroccan woman burst into his favourite bar and tried to set fire to it, the official news agency MAP reported on Tuesday.

As her husband watched from the bar, she poured two bottles of petrol on the floor and tried to put a match to it. Other customers overpowered her.

The agency said the bar owner had decided not to sue the woman, whose identity was not revealed. (Reuters)

GENEVA: The 19th-century French painter Paul Gauguin's *Entre Les Lys* will be sold in November, the auction house Sotheby's said on Tuesday.

The 1889 Brittany landscape, owned by the Rudolf Steiner Family Foundation in Basel, is expected to be auctioned for \$7 million to nine million in New York. It has been on display in Basel's art museum since 1947.

Gauguin, best known for his exotic South Sea Island paintings, auctioned the work in 1891 to raise money for his first trip to Tahiti. (Reuters)

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## Put to the test

### DNA analysis 'flawed'

NEW YORK, Aug 16, (UPI) — A legal decision that questions the validity of genetic tests in a murder trial could lead to the reopening of scores of criminal and paternity cases across the United States, some legal experts say.

The ruling on Monday by acting Justice Gerald Sheindlin of state supreme court was believed to be the first major challenge to DNA "fingerprinting." The technique is used to identify individuals as the source of blood, semen, hair or skin based on analysis of the genetic material DNA found in cells.

Sheindlin ruled DNA tests could be used to show that blood found on a murder suspect's wristwatch was not his, but could not be used to show the blood was that of the victim.

The judge, basing his ruling on testimony in a 12-week pre-trial hearing, found the DNA test used to identify the blood as the victim's was flawed.

"The testing laboratory failed in several major respects to use the generally accepted scientific techniques and experiments for obtaining reliable results, within a reasonable degree of certainty," Sheindlin wrote.

The ruling indicated DNA tests could produce reliable results if certain testing standards were followed and said pre-trial hearings should be held to assure the standards were employed.

Several scientists and lawyers have assumed that DNA tests were infallible and the decision left legal experts divided over whether scores of cases in which the tests helped win convictions would be reopened in light of the ruling.

Sheindlin urged lawyers in past DNA cases to re-examine their trial records to see if appeals were warranted.

New York law school Professor Randolph Jonakait, an expert on forensic evidence, said the ruling could affect an estimated 100 cases across the country in which DNA evidence was key, and dozens more expected to go to trial.

"The kind of controls the judge said are necessary to make the DNA testing reliable have not been done in any previous cases that I'm aware of," Jonakait said.

The ruling "will require many more controls and a much more elaborate procedure before DNA is admitted to trials," he added.

The ruling came in the case of Joseph Castro, 38, a janitor accused of murdering a pregnant neighbour, Wilma Ponce, and her 2-year-old daughter, Natasha, in the Bronx on Feb 5, 1987.

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## INTERNATIONAL

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Marine general dies

SPETSAL, Greece, Aug 16, (AP): Retired US Marine Brig. General Horace Fuller, a veteran of the Guadalcanal campaign, has died, a doctor of this island's health centre, southwest of Athens reported today. He was 81 years old.

Dr. Christos Reassos said Fuller died last night and would be buried today on the island.

Fuller, a resident of Spetsal for the past ten years had been ill following several operations for cancer in the United States.

## Parents complain

MOSCOW, Aug 16, (AP): The government and press are keeping strangely silent about the fatal crash of a Soviet transport plane in Vietnam, the parents of one of the victims complained in a letter published yesterday.

A Soviet plane carrying a 20-member military delegation and some Vietnamese officials crashed in central Vietnam July 8, according to Japan's Kyodo News Agency. It reported at least 20 people killed.

The Soviet press has not reported the incident, and Soviet Defence and Foreign Ministry officials said several days after the crash they had no information on it.

## Persecution survey

GENEVA, Aug 16, (AP): A report prepared by an international group of jurists for the United Nations cites widespread persecution of lawyers and judges because of their professional activities and says the situation is especially troubling in Colombia and the Philippines.

The survey, submitted to a UN human rights panel yesterday, said at least 144 lawyers and judges were victims of persecution in 11 countries since Jan. 1, 1988, including at least 34 who were killed.

## Prisoners released

PANTASMA, Nicaragua, Aug 16, (AP): The government has freed 29 peasants accused of collaborating with US-backed rebels, the first of about 1,200 it has pledged to release. "This release should coincide with the beginning of the demobilisation of the Contras from Honduran territory and the withdrawal (from combat) of those who still operate in Nicaraguan territory," President Daniel Ortega said yesterday as the prisoners were released.

## Duarte repays

SAN SALVADOR, Aug 16, (UPI): Former President Jose Napoleon Duarte has returned \$113,200 to the Treasury of El Salvador that the Finance Ministry claims was money intended to aid victims of a 1986 earthquake, a Christian Democratic Party leader said yesterday.

"Indeed, the former president deposited that (\$113,200) sum in the nation's Treasury, through his attorney Pablo Mauricio Alvergue," said Eduardo Colindres, a high-ranking party member of the Christian Democratic Party, in which Duarte was a member.

The government-run daily newspaper "El Diario de Hoy" confirmed Monday Duarte's repayment of \$66,000 colones, equivalent to \$113,200.

## Rebels attack

EL ESPINO, El Salvador, Aug 16, (AP): Leftist rebels attacked a new police academy with mortars, rockets, TNT bombs and rifle fire. Two policemen and five cadets were wounded in the fighting, authorities said yesterday.

Also yesterday hundreds of Salvadorans participated in a four-kilometre (2.5-mile) silent procession honouring Archbishop Oscar Amelio Romero, who was gunned down in March 1980.

Romero, who had criticised right-wing death squads, was assassinated as he said mass.

## 11 arrested

MEXICO CITY, Aug 16, (AP): Authorities have arrested 11 people accused of setting fires that burned 370,000 acres (150,000 hectares) of jungle in the southeastern state of Quintana Roo, the attorney general's office said.

The group started the fires "for the purpose of expanding lumber resources and creating areas for cultivation and uncontrolled human settlements," the office said in a communique yesterday.

Residents near one of the fires told authorities they saw two of the men pour gasoline on a wide area and then set it ablaze, the communique said.

## Bank pleads guilty

ATLANTA, Aug 16, (UPI): A Panamanian bank pleaded guilty to helping Colombia's Medellin drug cartel launder hundreds of millions of dollars in cocaine proceeds and was fined \$5 million by the US government.

The Banco de Occidente of Panama pleaded guilty Monday in federal court in Atlanta and paid \$2 million of the fine on the spot. The remaining \$3 million will be paid by the bank over three years, officials said.

The fine results from a plea agreement in what officials called the largest money-laundering investigation ever conducted by US law enforcement agencies. It was the first time a foreign bank has pleaded guilty to violating US money-laundering laws.

## Protection plan

BOGOTA, Aug 16, (UPI): Colombia's government is mapping out a protection plan for more than 50 judges and their families who have received death threats from organised crime, Justice Minister Monica de Grijal said yesterday.

The plan will include armoured cars, more bodyguards and fortified villas. "De Grijal said in a news conference. "Today, I am meeting with members of the secret police to define details of the plan."

The announcement came, in part, in response to the resignation Monday of Judge Alvaro Medina. Medina stepped down after receiving a telephone call on his private number Sunday.



Military manoeuvre

AMID escalating friction between the United States and Panama, American troops flew seven black Hawk helicopters over the US Embassy yesterday and 40 Marines descended from rope ladders to secure the grounds in renewed military exercises.

At the same time, ship passed through the Panama Canal tooting their horns at midday in celebration of the Canal's 75th anniversary.

"What's missing is the participation of the (Panamanian government)," a canal commission official said.

"In other years, they (the government) took a more active role," the official said. "But now, unfortunately, canal employees cannot celebrate the harmony of the transfer process."

US Embassy spokesman Terrence Kneebone said the exercise, dubbed "Cold Duck" lasted five minutes and added that Panamanian officials were warned of the manoeuvre 30 minutes beforehand. Similar manoeuvres were also conducted at the residence of US Ambassador to Panama Arthur Davis.

Reading a communique at a press conference held before the operation, Kneebone accused the regime of de facto military ruler General Manuel Antonio Noriega of committing "constant violations" against the 1977 Torrijos-Carter Panama Canal treaties, that pledged transfer of the canal to Panama in the year 2000.

Panama in turn claims Washington has repeatedly broken the treaties.

## US wants Noriega

## Bush hints at kidnapping

WASHINGTON, Aug 16, (AP): President George Bush has hinted that kidnapping Panamanian leader Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega might be justifiable, citing the FBI's 1987 abduction of a Lebanese hijacker as a precedent.

"I have an obligation to try to bring people to justice," Bush told a news conference yesterday.

On Sept 13, 1987, the FBI hostage rescue squad lured Lebanese hijacker Fawaz Younis aboard a yacht 13 miles (21 kilometres) off the coast of Cyprus with the prospect of a drug deal and a party.

He was later convicted in US District Court in Washington of leading five heavily armed men in hijacking royal Jordanian Airlines Flight 402 and holding 70 passengers and crew hostage for 30 hours in Beirut.

Noriega remains under 1988 indictments on US drug-conspiracy charges.

While declining to say whether abducting Noriega was under consideration, Bush said: "We have an indictment out against Gen. Noriega for drug trafficking. I'm told that it's a good indictment, that it's an in-depth indictment."

Expanding on remarks he made in an interview last week with reports from Hearst newspapers,

Bush told the nationally broadcast news conference: "I'm not saying what I would do or wouldn't do, but there was a case where a man named Younis was apprehended and brought to justice."

According to some published accounts, former President Ronald Reagan considered a plan to abduct Noriega while he was visiting his daughter in the Dominican Republic, but rejected it as too risky.

Bush reaffirmed the longstanding US view that normal relations with Panama cannot resume so long as Noriega remains in power.

Meanwhile, the Panama Canal, one of the world's great engineering feats, marked its 75th anniversary yesterday at a critical point in its history, facing an uncertain political outlook, financial austerity and growing competition.

The canal, built over 34 years at a total cost of \$639 million, was officially opened on Aug 15, 1914 when the Panamanian steamship Ancon sailed through it.

The waterway, which revolutionised world trade by allowing ships to cross between the Pacific and Atlantic oceans without skirting South America, remains an important sea route.



Being 'bullied'

Spanish 'novillero' or apprentice bullfighter Angel Leria was tossed by a fighting bull yesterday afternoon at Madrid's Las Ventas bullring. He was not hurt in the incident. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Gone are the days when London's lord mayor roused the rabble

LONDON, Aug 16, (AP): He's still entitled to any straggler caught off London Bridge and the passward to the Tower, but gone are the days when London's lord mayor roused the rabble and played banker to the king.

Celebrating the 800th anniversary of his office this year, today's lord mayor stays well away from politics in ruling his now-tiny domain, called the city, at the heart of ancient London.

Yet while bereft of his predecessors' powers, the lord mayor is not an empty figurehead. As representative of the city of London, the one-square-mile (2.6-square-kilometre) financial district, the mayor is an ambassador

for big business and, like the monarch, a symbol of the history Britons cherish.

"People, even Britons, think the lord mayor is like Ed Koch or Jacques Chirac," said Tony Travers, head of a London School of Economics Research group on capital government, speaking of the mayors of New York City and Paris. "The contrast could not be greater."

London's only mayor — the rest of the city has none — "does all the things that a marketing department might do," Travers said.

"Certainly the emphasis has changed," this year's Lord Mayor, Christopher Collett, said from under a three-cor-

## Bush tough on drug

## The enemy within

## Agent arrested

BOSTON, Aug 16, (UPI): A high-ranking, much-decorated agent of the US Drug Enforcement Administration was arrested in a sting operation with 62 pounds (28 kg) of cocaine and charged with possession with intent to distribute, officials said yesterday.

Edward K. O'Brien, 44, former head of the DEA's Springfield office in western Massachusetts, was arrested at Logan International Airport Monday night in possession of suitcases filled with cocaine worth an estimated \$560,000, officials said.

"This is a very sad, sad moment for drug enforcement," said John J. Coleman, head of the Boston DEA office, who personally arrested O'Brien. "This is a severe wound, but one from which he will recover and grow stronger."

Coleman said O'Brien picked up the cocaine from an individual in Miami, unaware the man was an undercover agent and was paid \$14,000 to deliver the drugs to another undercover agent in Boston. He was expecting to be paid another \$14,000 when he delivered the cocaine, Coleman said.

At the time of his arrest, O'Brien, an 18-year veteran of the DEA, was assigned to agency headquarters in Arlington, Virginia, as a supervising agent.

As drafted, the plan would withhold federal highway funds from states that did not revoke drug offenders' licences, and it would withhold federal criminal justice funds from states that don't perform drug tests on people in the criminal justice system. The draft strategy would seek a 49 per cent increase in federal

treatment money for 1990, to \$925 million, \$1.2 billion for new prison construction, a \$200 million increase for state and local law enforcement, and \$50 million for the US Department of Housing and Urban Development, most of it for security improvements at public housing projects.

## Brazil bandits give the slip

RIO DE JANEIRO, Aug 16, (UPI): A band of four bandits who kidnapped and released eight different persons over a period of 12 days Tuesday slipped away from police at a farm in southern Brazil and disappeared with \$25,000 in ransom.

"We can't let them get away or they will become a legend for other criminals," complained police agent Edilson da Silva, in a telephone interview with UPI in the city of Toledo, 1,750 miles (2,900 km) southeast of Rio de Janeiro. Da Silva confirmed the bandits, two men and two women, eluded a circle of 100 police around a farm near the Paraguayan border in the Brazilian state of Parana.

He said police had set up roadblocks along 200 miles (320 km) of highway and predicted a capture "within hours."

The kidnappers fled to Paraguay Sunday in a light airplane after releasing three of their hostages, two female journalists and a driver, and taking hostages in their places a pilot and a co-pilot who had volunteered to fly them out of the country.

According to Brazilian authorities, after landing 200 miles (320 km) east of Assuncion, Paraguayan police opened fire when one of the assailants attempted to flee into the woods, wounding the co-pilot, Roberto Seregatti, in the hand and arm as he was held as a shield.

The authorities said the Paraguayans ceased firing after one of the kidnappers threatened to blow up the airplane with a grenade.

The bandits flew back to southern Brazil Monday, released the pilot and wounded co-pilot, and then hijacked a pickup truck and kidnapped a farm employee, Adilson Santos Nascimento, releasing him later along the highway.

The crime saga began Aug 3 when the four assailants kidnapped a 9-year-old boy in Colasstate in central Brazil, who was later exchanged for \$25,000 ransom and three new hostages, female journalists.

They freed one of the journalists, but took a driver hostage with the other two as they fled by armoured car to southern Brazil in a truck of over 800 miles (1,200 km). These three hostages were released Sunday when the bandits flew to Paraguay.

President Jose Sarney of Brazil and Gen. Andres Rodriguez of Paraguay kept each other informed by telephone of the events after the plane flew to Paraguay, according to Brazil's Foreign Ministry spokesman Ruy Nogueira.

The kidnappers, ranging in age from 30 to 40, include Raul Ribeiro Campos, his brother, Moacir, his sister, Mariene, and his wife, Clair Emilia Dentes.



American deported

Martin Galvin, an American lawyer who supports the outlawed Irish Republican Army, was put aboard a plane to Washington early today after being deported for violating a ban that bars him from entering the United Kingdom, a Home Office spokesman said.

Galvin, 39, was arrested in Northern Ireland yesterday detained during a news conference in the Roman Catholic sector of Londonderry, about 80 miles (128 km) northwest of Belfast.

He said he had been in Northern Ireland for three days to mark the 20th anniversary Monday of the deployment of British troops in the province and to challenge what he described as the illegal ban on his entry. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Reforms sought

## Gendarmes angry

PARIS, Aug 16, (AP): Newspapers are being flooded with anonymous letters from an unusual source — disgruntled gendarmes, the military policemen who make up almost half of France's 200,000 police officers.

Government officials have replied by saying reforms will be proposed this fall, but that, in the meantime, the gendarmes should think about the soldier's duty not to air the military's dirty laundry in public.

National and regional newspapers have received dozens of letters, each purporting to speak for a large number of gendarmes who are unhappy about pay scales, long hours and poor living conditions in barracks.

The country's 90,000 gendarmes are responsible for police duties on most French highways and in rural areas, although they also sometimes patrol in cities. Special squads fight terrorism, monitor river traffic and patrol airports, among other tasks. The line between the duties of the Gendarmerie and the National Police is not always clear, and leads to frequent conflict between the two bodies. It occasionally leads to arrests of gendarmes by police and vice-versa.

The Gendarmerie traces its origins back centuries to the "marcheuses," medieval soldiers called to catch bandits and highwaymen. It got its name and current status in 1791, at the height of the French Revolution.

## Conditions to be set UK, Argentina in talks

UNITED NATIONS, Aug 16, (Reuters): British and Argentine officials, whose countries have had no diplomatic relations since the 1982 Falklands war, were to meet in New York today and tomorrow to establish conditions for direct talks, a statement from Britain's UN mission said.

It said the meetings would be "without prejudice" to the sovereignty positions of either side regarding Britain's South Atlantic islands — the Falklands, South Sandwich islands and South Georgia — which Argentina claims.

Britain would be represented by its UN representative, Sir Crispin Tickell, and Argentina by a special envoy, Ambassador Lucio Garcia Del Solar.

The statement, which a British source said was also being issued in London and Buenos Aires, did not say where in New York they would meet.

Argentina, which claims sovereignty over the Falklands, overran the islands in April, 1982.

## Freed black leader killed

DURBAN, South Africa, Aug 16, (Agencies): An anti-apartheid youth leader freed last week from detention was shot dead outside his home early today, his family said.

Eric Gumede, 27, was released from custody Friday after a prolonged hunger strike. Relatives said he lost more than 30 kilograms (66 pounds) during this protest against being held without charge.

Gumede was a leader of the Kwamashu Youth League, an affiliate of the banned United Democratic Front coalition based in one of the largest black townships adjoining the port city of Durban.

His brother, Popo, said he drove up to their home in Kwamashu about midnight and someone inside began honking the horn. Eric went outside to see what was happening, and was shot in the chest by two blasts from a shotgun, Popo said.

No arrests were reported, and Popo said no one at the home saw who was inside the car.

In April, another former hunger striker, Chris Ntuli, was stabbed to death at his home near Durban two weeks after being released from detention. Unlike Gumede, Ntuli was under a restriction order confining him to his house at night.

While South Africa gears up for a "new era" promised by new leader F.W. de Klerk, former president P.W. Botha is heading into the political wilderness.

De Klerk was sworn in as acting head of state yesterday after Botha resigned, the loser in a public row with his heir-apparent over planned talks this month with Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda.

The 33-year-old caretaker head of state, who has said he is committed to dismantling apartheid race segregation, ruled out an early release for jailed nationalist Nelson Mandela, serving a life sentence for plotting to overthrow white rule.

"A new government will determine that," he said.

Meanwhile, South African anti-apartheid groups said today they would hold a conference after next month's general elections to map out the most effective way to end racial segregation.

Blacks are excluded from voting in the Sept 6 polls.

The conference for a democratic future will be held on Oct. 7 and will discuss a programme of mass action to speed the end of apartheid, the role foreign governments can play and prospects for a peaceful transition from white rule.

A similar conference was scheduled last year but banned under Pretoria's state of emergency powers.

Zambia's President today hinted that the six so-called frontline states would help arrange peace talks between South Africa's white-led government and the ANC guerrilla movement.

Kenneth Kaunda, current chairman of the regional bloc, said Pretoria could depend on frontliners' influence if the independence moves in Namibia go smoothly.

The frontliners — Angola, Botswana, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe — spearheaded African efforts to force Pretoria to abandon its policy of apartheid as a prelude to multi-party elections including the voteless black majority.

## Hackers charged

BOON, Aug 16, (UPI): The West German authorities charged three computer hackers with espionage after they allegedly sold to the Soviet Union information on how to penetrate key Western data banks, including US military computers, an official statement said on Wednesday.

The office of the federal prosecutor said in a statement the charge was the first of its kind against members of the "hacker scene."

Specialist believe the hackers — a term used to describe people who illegally access computers — may be linked to a group tracked down last year by American computer expert Clifford Stoll from California's Lawrence Berkeley laboratory.

The prosecutor's office said it was difficult to estimate the extent of restricted information compromised. But it said evidence showed the Soviet secret service was given information from and access codes to military and other systems in several Western countries.



# Tragedy shocks Filipinos

## Probe into Davao bloodbath will be held



An unidentified hostage runs towards government troops after escaping from prisoners when the shootout broke out. (Reuter wirephoto)

Murdered evangelist's body to be flown home

## Hamill trusted God

SYDNEY, Aug 16, (Agencies): Australian evangelist Jacqueline Hamill, raped and killed by prisoners in a Philippines jail, wanted to dedicate her life to helping the underprivileged, her family said on Wednesday.

"We've been told that when she fell, she was still singing and praying. Right to the last she was always trusting in God," her younger sister, Denise, said in Sydney.

Hamill, 36, was raped then shot dead on Tuesday with four other people taken hostage by prisoners at an Army jail in Davao city. All 16 convicts involved in the hostage-taking were killed when troops stormed the prison.

Hamill, a member of the Pentecostal, charismatic, Christian Church in Sydney, went to the Philippines six weeks ago at the invitation of the Joyful Assembly of God to do missionary work, her childhood dream, Denise said.

"Jackie had vowed to become a missionary since she was a child. The church was her whole life. She dreamed of teaching the gospel for as long as I can remember," she added.

Hamill's elder brother Steven, speaking by phone from her hometown of Strahan in Tasmania, said: "Mum and dad told her to reconsider her trip because of the element of risk involved. Jackie said she wanted to go

because she had full trust in God."

The third child in a family of 10, Jacqueline left home after finishing school to earn enough money in Sydney for her missionary work in the Philippines.

The Hamills said they were making arrangements to fly their daughter's body home.

In Sydney Christian City church pastor Gary Dench said groups of 30 or 40 people from the faith had been going to the Philippines every year.

"But Jacqueline went on her

own steam. She wanted to put her full faith in God," he said.

Australian Foreign Minister Gareth Evans said problems in Philippines jails were not uncommon and the Philippines government should not be blamed for the death of Jacqueline.

"Unfortunately jail breaks, hostage incidents of this kind are not all that uncommon in the Philippines and they do tend to end violently and tragically," he told reporters.

Rev. Fred Castillo, a surviving hostage, said Hamill and many of the nine other women hostages were raped on Monday night, one day after they were taken hostage during a prayer meeting at the Metropolitan district command detention centre.

"Jackie told me about the incident," Castillo told reporters yesterday. "An inmate pointed a knife at her."

Other freed hostages said they could hear the women screaming on Monday night.

Hamill's body was found outside the detention centre with a bullet wound in the chest. Physicians who examined the body denied some press reports that her throat had been slashed.

Colleagues said it was Hamill's second visit to the Philippines. "She was a congenial, likeable person who had nothing but good to say about her task in Davao," said fellow missionary Rick Halden.



File photo of Australian missionary Jackie Hamill. (Reuter wirephoto)

MANILA, Aug 16, (Reuter): Philippine senators shocked by the brutal murder of an Australian woman missionary taken hostage by convicts said today the bloodbath in which 20 other people were killed could have been avoided.

"I am appalled at our continued propensity to shoot and to kill," Senate defence committee chairman Ernesto Maceda told reporters.

Troops stormed an Army jail in Davao yesterday after hearing shots that indicated desperate prisoners, driven back inside by sniper fire after an attempted breakout, were killing some of the 15 hostages seized on Sunday.

"What else could people ask of us?" said Colonel Franco Calida, commander of the troops.

"We rescued all the remaining hostages after the others were killed by the prisoners. If they (the prisoners) had lost their minds and begun killing people, why should we be blamed for it?" Justice Undersecretary Silvestre Bello, one of the negotiators, said five escaped hostages told officials that the convicts had no intention of releasing hostages.

"We were not, after all, dealing with reasonable people," Bello said. "These are animals. I was downhearted. We had to reassess the situation, and we had to authorise a military operation, especially since there was an urgent need to save the five living hostages."

Witnesses said 36-year-old Jacqueline Hamill of Sydney and several other women captives were raped by inmates before they were killed. Hamill was found shot through the neck and with her throat cut.

All 16 prisoners involved and five hostages were killed.

Opposition leader Juan Ponce Enrile said the military sacrificed hostages' lives to demonstrate its toughness.

"It shows a pattern of panicky reaction by the government to situations like this," he said.

Maceda announced his committee would hold an investigation and question Army and civilian officials in the failed attempt to secure the peaceful release of the hostages.

Hamill and other members of the Joyful Assembly of God were taken hostage on Sunday when they visited the jail, about 1,000 km (600 miles) southeast of Manila, to hold a religious service for the prisoners, who had been protesting against alleged inhumane prison conditions.

Protestant Pastor Fred Castillo, one of 10 hostages who survived, told reporters the convicts raped Hamill and some other hostages the night before they were killed.

"They were crying while it was happening. We could hear their screams," Castillo said.

Bello said Miss Hamill's body would be flown to Manila today. The dead also included a nine-year-old boy.

It was the second time in eight months that a hostage incident inside a Philippine Army camp ended in a bloodbath.

In January, disarmed Muslim policemen seized the Army headquarters in Zamboanga and killed a general and a colonel they held hostage. The military bombed the headquarters three days later, killing 16 gunmen.

Politicians and Manila newspapers have often accused the military of incompetence and lacking basic training in dealing with security problems, including a communist insurgency, and demanded the resignation of top officers.

Malaysia to probe

## Privileged prisoners

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Aug 16, (AP): The government has ordered an investigation into newspaper allegations that some well-connected prison inmates have been enjoying television sets, water-beds and other luxuries in their cells.

Deputy Home Affairs Minister Megat Junid Megat Ayub told reporters yesterday the government also is investigating allegations that some prisoners have been attending to family business while serving prison sentences.

The newspapers New Straits Times and Malay Mail reported that Abdullah Ang, managing director of Malaysian Overseas Investment Corp., enjoyed many luxuries while serving a four-year prison sentence for criminal breach of trust.

Ang completed his term and was released on Saturday. He refused to comment on the allegations.

Officials at the Kajang prison, 20 kilometres (12 miles) south of Kuala Lumpur, said they were investigating reports of improper privileges for inmates there and would punish wardens responsible for infractions.

Megat Junid said wardens found guilty would be prosecuted, but Ang would not be prosecuted because "he could not do anything without the permission of his wardens."



Refugees in a lunch line

Vietnamese refugees in a Hong Kong reception centre use their plates to shield themselves from the hot sun as they wait in a lunch line.

Malnutrition threatens thousands of Vietnamese boat people waiting on a remote island for space in a Hong Kong reception centre, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) warned.

"The people are not starving but they cannot be expected to continue much longer with the diet provided," Robert van Laerwen, UNHCR chief in Hong Kong, said on Wednesday.

"A large number of children on Tai Ah Chau are in an area which we call borderline malnutrition."

Nearly 4,400 new arrivals are held on Tai Ah Chau, part of the remote Soko Island chain, until space can be found for them elsewhere. Water and basic rations are ferried daily to ramshackle settlements which lack all but the most basic washing and toilet facilities.

A boatload of Vietnamese has been rescued by the US Navy vessel whose former captain was punished for not picking up refugees who later resorted to cannibalising dead shipmates.

A US embassy official in Singapore said Wednesday that the Dubuque, an amphibious transport ship, brought 30 Vietnamese into Singapore on Monday after rescuing them from a wooden boat in the South China Sea.

## Sinhalese leftists torch 6 buildings

21 killed in 24 hours of violence

COLOMBO, Aug 16, (Agencies): Leftwing rebels trying to overthrow the Sri Lankan government set fire to six official buildings during 24 hours of violence in which 21 people were killed, an official statement said today.

It said 12 civilians were killed by "subversives," a term used to describe the mainly-Sinhalese People's Liberation Front. Five security personnel and four rebels died in separate incidents.

The statement said 634 suspects had been detained and 131 identified as hardcore "subversives."

Earlier today, the Sri Lankan foreign minister said India was investigating an alleged massacre of Tamils by its troops.

Residents accused Indian troops of three days of violence from August 2 in Valvetiturai, on the northern coast of the Jaffna peninsula, after six soldiers died in a guerrilla ambush.

The Tamil Tigers rebel group said the troops went on the rampage, killing 70 people, wounding 100 and setting fire to houses, shops and fishing boats.

Newspapers also reported that on July 27 Indian troops attacked Point Pedro village, 10 km (six miles) east of Valvetiturai, killing 18 civilians and destroying several houses and shops.

The troops were sent to Sri Lanka two years ago to enforce a pact between Colombo and New Delhi which sought to end a rebellion by the minority Tamil community who demanded an independent state.

President Ranasinghe Premadasa has demanded a speedy withdrawal of the remaining 43,000 Indian troops from the island.

India has said the troops would be pulled out by February if Colombo agrees to give more powers to Tamils in the north-east and ensures their security.

Wijeratne said the security forces were making headway in their operations to deal with leftwing Sinhalese rebels held responsible for a spate of killings in southern parts of the island.

The front, made up of youths of the majority Sinhalese community, is conducting an anti-government campaign with strikes and the murders of politicians, security personnel and state officials.

"The people have responded to a fear psychosis (created by the rebels)," Wijeratne said referring yesterday's strike.

Sri Lanka has asked India for an explanation of reports that at least 51 Tamil civilians were killed two weeks ago during a battle between Indian soldiers and Tamil guerrillas, Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne said today.

Sri Lanka and India are locked in sensitive and decisive talks at the highest diplomatic levels to draw up a mutually acceptable time schedule for the withdrawal of some 43,000 Indian soldiers in the north and east, informed sources said today.

In the current secret negotiations Sri Lanka is likely to extend its earlier deadline of September for the pullout of the Indian Peace-Keeping Force (IPKF) until November, though India has said it could complete a withdrawal only by March next year, the sources said.

Sinhalese radicals enforced a successful strike yesterday, the latest in a series of work stoppages they called to protest the presence of Indian peacekeeping troops in northeastern Sri Lanka.

Ultraradicalist Sinhalese radicals attacked a village in central Sri Lanka and shot and killed at least 10 people, military officials said today.

## 10 killed, 50 hurt in tribal attacks

DHAKA, Aug 16, (Reuter): Tribal rebels trying to disrupt government plans to restore peace in southeast Bangladesh killed at least 10 people and wounded 50 today, officials said.

They said six people died when a bomb believed planted by the outlawed Shanti Bahini (peace force) exploded on a ferry in the Kapta Lake in Chittagong Hill Tracts.

At least 40 passengers were injured and more victims might have been trapped inside the ferry which sank immediately, the officials said but gave no further details.

Two villagers were killed and five injured when a bomb went off at a crowded market in Manikchhari area, police told reporters.

On Wednesday morning, Shanti Bahini guerrillas ambushed an Army patrol near Manikchhari, a village 30 km (20 miles) from Rangamati hill town, killing two soldiers and wounding at least five.

Shanti Bahini took up arms in 1973 after the government refused to grant autonomy to the 5,500 square mile (14,200 sq km) Hill Tracts bordering India and Burma. They also want 300,000 Bengali-speaking settlers expelled from the area.

Officials say more than 1,600 rebels, soldiers and civilians have been killed in the insurgency, which has also forced thousands of tribal families to flee to India.

## Tourists told to avoid town of Leh

SRINAGAR, Aug 16, (AP): The government of northern Jammu-Kashmir state has warned travellers to avoid the Buddhist town of Leh following an attack on a tourist convoy last week, an official said.

Mohammad Ashraf, deputy director of state tourism, said he had conveyed the advice to the US embassy in New Delhi.

On Aug 8, at least 30 Western tourists were injured when militants hurled stones at a convoy returning from Leh on Aug 8.

The remote hamlet is a Buddhist religious and cultural centre, about 700 kilometres (345 miles) north of Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu-Kashmir.

The injured tourists told reporters in Srinagar that a convoy of about 80 taxis and 25 buses was attacked by militants, who demand autonomy in the Muslim-dominated state.

"It was nightmarish, and I thought we would not be alive to tell our experience. It is a miracle that no one was killed," Peter Cross, a 57-year-old Briton, said in Srinagar after his return from Leh.

He said that he and about 200 other tourists left together after night curfew was imposed on the evening of Aug 8, following the clash.

## Japan outraged

Child murders stir conscience

TOKYO, Aug 16, (AP): Tsutomu Miyazaki's room had no daylight. The single window of the room where police say he may have sawed off the head, feet and hands of five-year-old Ayako Nomoto was blocked with thousands of horror, porn and children's cartoon videotapes and comic books that piled up to the ceiling and lined the walls.

When police announced yesterday that the 26-year-old print shop worker had confessed to the murder and mutilation of three little girls, Japan's shock deepened at what television news is calling the most brutal murder case in postwar history.

In addition to the mutilation slaying of Ayako Nomoto in June, police said Miyazaki confessed to: ■ Strangling four-year-old Mari Konno last August, burning her body and leaving the bones on her parents' doorstep; ■ Strangling four-year-old Erika Namba last December, stripping her body and dumping it down a mountainside.

But blanket television and newspaper coverage, including shots of the suspect's room, has brought fear into the homes of Japanese usually untroubled by the violent crime that plagues other societies.

The child slayings are the latest in a series of murders of apparently passionless brutality by Japanese youth.

Pundits have been filling the airwaves with analyses of the impact of violent sex imagery that is perhaps more pervasive in popular culture here than in any other advanced country.

Most Japanese don't blink at the graphic scenes of rape and murder they see on subway trains and spread out in sports newspapers and comic books read by commuting husbands, fathers and teenagers.

They ignore the ads plastering telephone booths for "Lolita" prostitution services, featuring photos of girls in school uniforms. They merely giggle at men's fashions with schoolgirls' underwear depicted in television and print media.

Social critics say such images may be having an inordinately strong effect on some Japanese youth, especially those lacking close relationships and moral judgement.

Psychologists and social critics have blamed alienation — caused by absent or working parents, college-entrance test pressures, the reduction of human contact in large impersonal apartment complexes, and dependence on electronic toys — for

creating a generation of youth lacking social skills, emotional resilience and the ability to tell fantasy from reality.

Susumu Oda, professor of mental health at Tsukuba University, also said many young men have not been able to adjust to the increasing assertiveness of Japanese women and thus turn their lust and aggressiveness toward increasingly weak objects, like children and animals.

Still, the extraordinary attention given Ayako's case, which has dominated the front pages of national newspapers for days, shows just how rare it is for the kind of sexual violence commonly depicted in public to turn into such a grisly crime.

Police told local newspapers that the videos Miyazaki collected ranged from animated films made for little girls to child porn flicks and violent movies like "Flowers of Blood and Flesh," in which a man kidnaps a girl, keeps her prisoner and eventually saws her to pieces.

Police say Miyazaki confessed he kidnapped Ayako in early June near her suburban apartment, killed her, cut her to pieces with a saw, knife and scissors, shaved off her hair, and several days later dumped her torso in a cemetery.

Members of Miyazaki's video club told local newspapers he was an obsessive collector of cartoon tapes. A shy youth, he avoided contact with other people, reports said.

"He was always so quiet that we wanted him to hurry up and get married so we could stop worrying about him," the Mainichi Shimbun quoted his parents as saying.

Some experts blamed the violent videos for the crimes.

Yoshiaki Kataoka was also reportedly obsessed with a video hobby. The 21-year-old student was arrested Monday on suspicion of videotaping and sexually abusing more than 30 little girls.

Kozo Hida, a 22-year-old mechanic who reportedly spent most of his free time playing video games with neighbourhood children, was arrested earlier this year on suspicion of strangling one of them.

Youth violence in groups is also raising concerns. A gang of teen-age boys recently kidnapped a 17-year-old girl, then raped and tortured her for 40 days before killing her and sealing her body in an oil drum with concrete.

## Two Japanese among 34 killed in plane crash

BEIJING, Aug 16, (AP): Thirty-four people, including two Japanese, were killed when a Chinese passenger plane crashed on its takeoff from Shanghai's airport, a Shanghai city official said today.

The plane, a twin-engine turboprop carrying 40 passengers and crew members, overshot the runway at Hongqiao Airport, about 20 kms (12 miles) north of the city, and plunged into a river at 3:46 pm (06:46 GMT) yesterday, said an official in Shanghai's Foreign Affairs Office who identified himself only as Lu.

Lu said the dead were 26 Chinese, two Japanese and six crew members.

The Soviet-designed Antonov-24 was on a regularly scheduled Flight No. 5510 of China Eastern Airlines, a regional subsidiary of the National Civil Aviation Administration of China. The destination was Nanchang, capital of eastern Jiangxi province, about 600 kms (372 miles) southwest of Shanghai.

Official reports said the weather in Shanghai was clear yesterday and the cause of the accident was still under investigation. There were no people living in the area where the plane crashed.

The nationally televised evening news today showed blue seats and pieces of wreckage scattered

in a field, the tail of the plane sticking out of the narrow river and rescuers working in waist-deep water.

The official China said 18 passengers sitting in the front of the plane were trapped under water. The television report said the plane was pulled out of the river during the night.

It was the first crash involving a Chinese airliner since last August, when a flight from Canton crashed on landing at Hong Kong's International Airport, killing seven people.



## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Pope's remarks

VATICAN CITY, Aug. 16. (Reuters) Pope John Paul today implied that the Jewish covenant with God had been broken, the third time in three weeks he has repeated remarks which Jewish groups say are prejudicial to them.

The Pope told several thousand people at his weekly audience in St. Peter's Square that God had made "a new and eternal covenant" with Christians through Jesus Christ.

"In the old covenant, God chose Israel to be his own people, his chosen people... but (Israel) was also called to become holy, to reflect her concentration to God by the holiness of her way of life," the Pope said.

**Identification begins**  
ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, Aug. 16 (AP) Military forensic experts today began identifying the remains of 16 members of a US Congressional delegation torn apart when their light plane slammed into a cliff in southwestern Ethiopia last week.

The bodies of all 16, including Congressman Mickey Leland, arrived in Ethiopia's capital last evening after being plucked from the wreckage of their twin Otter on the steep slopes of a mountain called Tam.

Additional medical personnel were expected to arrive in Addis Ababa today to help the forensic experts already on hand identify the bodies before the nine Americans among them are returned to the United States for burial. Seven Ethiopians also died in the Aug. 7 crash.

**Earthquake**  
MOSCOW, Aug. 16 (KUNA): An earthquake registered five points in the epicentre was recorded by seismic stations in Soviet Armenia at 5:18 (local time) this morning. The quake's centre was situated 23 kilometres to the south-east of Yerevan.

No casualties or destructions have been reported.

## Family hope

STOCKHOLM, Aug. 16 (Reuters): A member of the group probing the disappearance of Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg at the end of World War Two said today they hoped to press Soviet officials to release more information about his fate.

Wallenberg's half-sister, Nina Lagergren, his half-brother Guy von Dardel and the Swedish Raoul Wallenberg Association's chairman Per Anger and secretary Sonja Sonnenfeld have accepted an invitation to visit Moscow in October.

## Taipei elections

TAIPEI, Taiwan, Aug. 16 (AP): The ruling Nationalist Party today announced its candidates for December elections amid allegations of unfair practices and threats to withdraw from the party.

John Kuan, the Nationalists' deputy secretary-general, said 92 per cent of the 220 candidates had won in the July 23 primary, the first held by the party.

But critics said the party tended to support those candidates who toed the party line or demonstrated more potential for winning on Dec. 2, when the Nationalists face the challenge of a legal opposition party for the first time.

## Public support

TOKYO, Aug. 16 (AP): New Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu's administration has more public support than its predecessor, but its approval rating remains below 50 per cent, according to a survey released today.

The governing Liberal Democratic Party has pinned its hopes for recovering its popularity on Kaifu, 58, who became prime minister Aug. 9. His predecessor, Souseike Uno, resigned after only 69 days in office following the party's heavy losses in upper house parliamentary elections July 23.

Kyodo news service said 46.5 per cent of respondents to a poll conducted last week approved of Kaifu's new administration, compared with 35.5 per cent who supported the Uno cabinet when it was formed June 2.

Forty-three per cent of respondents said they disapproved of Kaifu's administration, compared to 49 per cent who opposed the Uno cabinet, it added.

## Pistol-wielding man

TOKYO, Aug. 16 (AP): A man protesting the recent taxation of Japan's new car tax, fired a pistol shot today and briefly barricaded himself inside a tax office near the Imperial Palace before surrendering, police said.

Police said the man, who identified himself as Kazuyoshi Fudaba, 31, a leader of a right-wing group, went to the Kojimachi tax office at about 3pm (0600 GMT), shouted, "taxing the imperial family is not forgivable," and fired a single pistol shot. Nobody was hurt, they added.

He then forced his way to a second-floor room and barricaded himself with desks and other office furniture before surrendering to a police squad 40 minutes later, police officials said.

## Lowest growth rate

TOKYO, Aug. 16 (UPI): Japan's population as of March 31 this year stood at 122,335,313, up 0.38 per cent over a year ago or the lowest growth rate since 1968 when the government started taking a census, the Home Affairs Ministry has announced.

The ministry said yesterday women totalled 62,135,104, accounting for 50.8 per cent of the total population.

The ministry said Japan's population growth has begun to shrink since a 1.27 per cent increase was recorded in 1974.

While the population in Tokyo and other big cities decreased, those in surrounding areas increased, forming a "doughnut phenomenon," apparently because of spiralling land prices, the ministry said.

Tokyo's population decreased 0.22 per cent to 11,654,571, against a 0.41-1.90 per cent increase in populations in surrounding prefectures (provinces), the ministry said.



Call to tear down wall

In view of developments in Eastern Europe the Berlin Wall is an anachronism and should be torn down, says Austrian People's Party spokesman Josef Hoehchl.

The wall was proof that the East German government was a dictatorial and oppressive regime which had to prevent its people from fleeing by force, he said.

Hoehchl's statement in his party's press service follows the escape of hundreds of mostly young East Germans via Hungary to Austria, from where they travel on to West Germany.

Hoehchl said that an estimated one million of East Germany's total of 17 million people wanted to leave the country.

A man peers through a painted keyhole on a painted door on the Berlin Wall. The door is neither the emergency exit, it claims to be nor a passage between East and West Berlin (Reuters wirephoto)

## E. Germany raps Bonn

## Refugee crisis simmers

EAST BERLIN, Aug. 16 (Agencies): East German warned Bonn today bilateral relations would suffer if West Germany did not stop sheltering East Germans in its diplomatic missions.

It was East Germany's strongest protest yet to Bonn over the refugee crisis.

There are more than 150 East Germans in West Germany's embassy in Budapest and 116 in its mission in East Berlin. Others are housed up in Prague, Belgrade and Warsaw — all seeking exit visas to the West.

The official news agency ADN said the East German Foreign Ministry called in Bonn's permanent representative in East Berlin, Franz Bertele, to protest against West Germany's attempts to help East Germans wanting to leave.

A senior East German diplomat, Hans Schindler, met Bertele.

"In the interests of... developing normal good-neighbourly relations on the basis of equal rights Schindler pointed out it was necessary for West Germany to stop such practices immediately," ADN said.

Despite the sharp formal protest, the East German leadership has signalled readiness to start diplomatic negotiations with Bonn on resolving the refugee crisis, West German government sources said.

They said East Berlin conveyed the message to Bonn officials by telephone on Monday night after a meeting of East Germany's ruling Politburo.

It was in response to a letter

from West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl to East German leader Erich Honecker urging diplomatic contacts to settle the problem.

There have been no talks on formal diplomatic level since the refugee crisis began at the start of the month.

Ten of the East Germans camped out in Bonn's Budapest embassy left the building and returned to East Germany after being assured their emigration applications would be seriously treated back home, a Bonn government spokesman said.

ADN said Schindler, head of the East German Foreign Ministry section dealing with West Germany, told Bertele the Budapest embassy's activities violated international law and also bilateral agreements between East and West Germany.

East Berlin objects to Bonn's refusal to recognise a separate East German nationality. It also objects to Bonn's view that all Germans are entitled to a West German passport and residence in the West.

"Schindler reiterated... that West German diplomatic missions have no right whatsoever to exercise its so-called duty to protect East German citizens," ADN said.

Nearly 200 East Germans seeking to flee their communist homeland and settle in the West left their round-the-clock vigil in front of the West German embassy in Budapest yesterday and moved into the courtyard of a nearby church.

## Purge on Zhao groups

## Organisations come under attack

BEIJING, Aug. 16 (UPI): Authorities, in a wide-ranging purge of organisations tied to ousted Communist Party leader Zhao Ziyang, have begun to dismantle several prominent policy-making groups, Chinese sources knowledgeable about party affairs said today.

The organisations, all under the direct supervision of the party central committee and the State Council, China's cabinet, have come under attack by conservative hardliners for their close connections to Zhao.

The research groups have had a profound effect upon the course of China's reforms over the past decade and their dismantling is seen as an attempt by conservative leaders to return China's economy to more Soviet-style central planning.

The four organisations to be purged are: The State Commission for Reform of the Economic Structure, the State Commission for Political Restructuring, the Central Financial and Economic Leadership Group, and the Rural Development Research Centre.

The two state commissions, one concerned with the reform of China's

political system and the other with formulating economic policies, fall under the aegis of the State Council. The political think tank was headed by Bao Tong, Zhao's chief secretary, who was arrested on May 28.

The economic entity was headed by Zhao himself until mid-1987, when his duties as general secretary made him give up day to day supervision of the organisation's work.

The Central Financial and Economic Leadership Group, which was founded in 1987, is an entity directly under the party's ruling Politburo. When Zhao was named acting general secretary to replace the ousted Hu Yaobang, he insisted on having trusted economists under his direct control. He organised the group as a watchdog entity to oversee the work of the State Council, headed by the conservative Premier Li Peng.

The leadership group reported directly to Zhao and monitored policies initiated by the State Council, said Wang Guizhu, a prominent Chinese economist. "In that way Zhao could maintain influence in government circles even after he was forced to assume the position of

party leader."

The Rural Development Research Centre was created in 1984 and placed under the direction of Du Runsheng, a veteran leader of the party secretariat's Rural Policy Research Centre.

As head of the centre, Du was widely seen as the driving force behind China's highly successful "responsibility system" in the countryside. This policy dismantled Mao's commune system, allocated land to peasants, and gave them some autonomy over the types and amounts of crops they could produce. The policy resulted in a 38 per cent increase in agricultural yields between 1978-84.

Western diplomats familiar with Du's situation said that he is not under arrest but that the research centre stopped working shortly after Zhao was ousted as party secretary on June 24.

China's hardline Premier Li Peng, making his first economic policy speech since the army crushed a pro-democracy campaign in June, said the nation could ride out a tide of Western sanctions.

Simon Cooper, son of Roger Cooper's brother Paul Cooper, offered to go to Iran as a

ANKARA, Aug. 16. (Agencies): The Foreign Ministry announced today that 851 ethnic Turks who immigrated to this country have returned to Bulgaria after a short stay here.

Ministry spokesman Murat Sungar told reporters that some of the immigrants went back to Bulgaria mainly because other members of their families were not allowed to come to Turkey.

In May, Bulgaria started deporting ethnic Turks after subjecting them to a forced

assimilation campaign that included changing their Turkish names to Slavic ones and banning Islamic rites and use of the Turkish language.

The deportation grew into an exodus as the ethnic Turks were permitted to acquire passports and leave the country. By Wednesday, 286,952 immigrants had arrived in Turkey, Sungar said.

Bulgaria refuses Turkey's call to start talks on an immigration agreement that would protect the ethnic Turk's legal

rights, including social security benefits and compensation for property left behind and restoration of minority rights to those who remain in Bulgaria.

Bulgaria also rejected NATO charges that it was violating the rights of ethnic Turks fleeing to neighbouring Turkey.

"In Bulgaria no one is persecuted because of their religion. Nobody deports or expatriates forcibly the Bulgarian Muslim citizens or any other Bulgarian citizens," a government statement published

by the official news agency BTA said. It said the NATO alliance, of which Turkey is a member, had no right to intervene in the dispute on the issue between Sofia and Ankara.

NATO governments last week accused Sofia of operating policies of forced assimilation and repression against ethnic Turks. This was a "flagrant violation of human rights" and breached European human rights accords, NATO said.

## Lithuania considers split from Moscow

VILNIUS, Soviet Union, Aug. 16. (Reuters): Lithuania's Communist Party is considering a formal split from Moscow despite signs of disquiet from the Kremlin, party officials said.

The relaunching of a separate party is seen by many local supporters as the only way to avoid defeat at the hands of emerging nationalist groups in impending local elections.

All three Soviet Baltic republics — Lithuania, Estonia and Latvia — are pushing for greater autonomy but such a move would mean a break with a long tradition of tight Kremlin control.

Valerijonas Baltrušas, ideology secretary in the Baltic Republic's Communist Party, said a congress to discuss the issue was likely to be held at the end of this year.

"The Lithuanian Communist Party cannot stay in the stagnant framework we have at present and I am convinced it will not remain like the district party committees of Russia, Kazakhstan or the Ukraine," he said in an interview with Reuters.

"I do not exclude the possibility that the Lithuanian Communist Party will be re-established, with mutual ties with the Soviet Communist Party on the basis of certain agreements or documents."

Political analysts said such a move, which followed an unprecedented decision in June to set up a separate Lithuanian Young Communist League, could prompt similar demands from reform-minded communists in neighbouring Estonia and Latvia.

But it might also put Lithuania's party onto a collision course with the Kremlin, which this week voiced renewed concern about the speed of political change in the Baltic republics.

In an unsigned editorial, which Baltrušas said had been directly endorsed by Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev, the Communist Party daily Pravda yesterday, attacked growing nationalism in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania.

While not directly mentioning the Lithuanian party's plans, Pravda also pointedly referred to "guarding the unity and integrity of the Soviet Communist Party."

Baltrušas said the article did not mean a "red light" from the Kremlin for Lithuania's plans, but a commission had been sent from Moscow this week to discuss the situation.

The analysts said setting up a separate Lithuanian party — although alarming to Moscow — might not be enough to save the communists from crushing defeat in elections to the republic's parliament, due before next spring.

Russian workers in Soviet Estonia pledged today to press on with a week-long strike amid signs it could spread to the neighbouring Baltic republics of Lithuania and Latvia.

Concessions by the authorities have failed to end the stoppage in Estonia, called to protest against a new election law which disenfranchises recent immigrants to the republic.

Kremlin leaders met today with Estonian Premier Arnold Ruutel in the search for a solution to a week-long strike by Russians complaining they are discriminated against in the tiny Baltic republic.

Tens of thousands of ethnic Russians and other non-Estonians went on strike to protest a new election law limiting the right to vote and hold office to long-term residents of Estonia. The workers also are upset about a new law requiring many of them to learn to speak the Estonian language.

## 800 Turks returned to Bulgaria

## Obeid ordered held 6 months

## Leak in security apparatus probed

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug. 16. (AP): Israel is holding kidnapped Lebanese cleric Sheikh Abdul-Karim Obeid under administrative detention orders like those used to detain Palestinians without trial, the Army said yesterday.

Obeid, whose kidnapping July 28 set off a crisis over the fate of foreign hostages in Lebanon, was ordered held for six months under documents signed by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, an Army spokesman said.

The Army statement was the first official defence on Obeid's legal status and raised questions about his rights under Israel law.

It also brought criticism from right-wing legislator Geula Cohen that Israel should not give any legal standing to Obeid, whom it accuses of being a leader of the Iranian-backed Shiite militia Hezbollah.

"This is not a state of law but a state of fools who make the head murderer of Hezbollah an administrative detainee who can appeal to the Supreme Court," Israel radio quoted her as saying.

Rabin, meanwhile, was quoted by Army radio as saying a widespread investigation was being conducted to determine if a leak in Israel's security apparatus led to a story saying two Israeli soldiers held in Lebanon have died.

The story in the Sunday Times of London, citing senior government sources, said those interrogating Obeid have concluded that both soldiers died within hours of their capture in south Lebanon in February 1986.

The report caused an uproar in Israel since the kidnapping of Obeid was aimed at swapping the cleric for the two Israeli soldiers and a captured airman.

Israeli officials did not confirm or deny the Sunday Times story, but said they consider the servicemen to be alive unless there is documentary proof otherwise. The Sunday Times said the airman, shot down in October 1986, is alive.

Foreign Minister Moshe Arens, meanwhile, denied a report in another British newspaper, The Independent, that said the kidnapping resulted in cutting off Israeli contacts already under way with Hezbollah and Iran.

The paper said Israel had hoped that the abduction would speed up the process, but that instead it angered Shiite radicals and they broke off all communication.

Arens said on Israeli television that the government had been unsuccessful in efforts to establish contacts before the abduction.

Sources confirmed, however, that three men mentioned in the Independent story as members of a committee appointed to make contacts in Lebanon and Iran are indeed members of a group assigned that task.

They are Uri Lubrani, Israel's chief co-ordinator for Lebanese affairs; Gen. Ran Goren, head of Army personnel, and Ori Slonim, a Tel Aviv lawyer. The sources said, however, that they are members of a standing committee on missing soldiers and not appointed specifically to deal with the three believed held by Hezbollah.

In Washington President George Bush says he could not claim US hostages in Lebanon were any closer to freedom despite an intense diplomatic effort, but he asserted that it was likely they could come home if Iran wanted them released.

Renewing his appeal for assistance from the new leaders in Tehran, Bush said Tuesday: "We don't have to be hostile with Iran for the rest of our lives. We've had a good relationship with them in the past" before breaking off relations a decade ago.

Iran, accused by the United States of sponsoring terrorism, is the major bankroller of Hezbollah, the radical group thought to be an umbrella for various factions of the hostage-holders.

Syrian President Hafez Al Assad has told Austrian President Kurt Waldheim he is seeking the release of all hostages held in Lebanon, Waldheim's office said in Vienna today.

Congressmen visit missile base

A delegation of American congressmen led by Les Aspin, chairman of the armed services committee in the US House of Representatives, visit a missile base. (Reuters wirephoto)

Nephew offers to take Cooper's place in Iran jail

LONDON, Aug. 16. (AP): The 17-year-old nephew of jailed businessman Roger Cooper offered today to take his place if Iran will allow Cooper to return to Britain for his mother's funeral.

Cooper, 53, has been held in Tehran as an alleged spy for nearly four years, and his family and the British government have appealed to Iran to let him attend his mother's funeral on Saturday.

Simon Cooper, son of Roger Cooper's brother Paul Cooper, offered to go to Iran as a

## Karrubi voted Majlis speaker

NICOSIA, Aug. 16. (Reuters): Iran's Parliament, which will vote the policies of incoming President Ali Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, showed its radical bent today by electing a fiercely anti-Western cleric to the powerful post of speaker.

The Iranian news agency IRNA said Mehdi Karrubi, 51, was chosen ahead of his moderate challenger Ali Akbar Nateq-Nouri by 147 votes to 92.

Karrubi's election had been expected because of the balance of forces in the single-chamber Majlis, where hardliners favouring militant foreign policy and government control of the economy strengthened their hold in April 1988 elections.

Rafsanjani, who quit as speaker yesterday after winning last month's presidential polls by a landslide, will take the oath of office in parliament tomorrow.

Rafsanjani will be responsible to the Majlis, which sets the outlines of domestic and foreign policies and has the right to impeach the president or ministers.

Karrubi's election is unlikely to affect Iran's stance on key questions, like the fate of Western hostages believed held by pro-Iranian militants in Lebanon, which will be decided by a handful of top leaders.

But hardliners in parliament can force policies on the cabinet, as they did with a resolution ordering a break in ties with Britain over the Rushdie affair in March.

Karrubi, who was deputy speaker of Majlis for several years, led anti-Western demonstrations in Makkah during the hajj pilgrimage in July 1987 which led to clashes with Saudi security forces in which more than 400 people, most of them Iranians, were killed.

He was arrested in the Khomeini-led religious unrest of 1963 and again jailed from 1973 to 1976. He used his prison mugshots on Majlis election campaign posters as evidence of his role in the anti-Shah struggle.

Rafsanjani, 54, who has pledged to increase the role of the private sector in reviving Iran's war-hit economy and to improve Iran's ties with foreign countries, needs Parliament's endorsement for his plans.

Under Ayatollah Khomeini, who died in June after leading Iran since the 1979 Islamic revolution, key decisions were made by an inner circle of the late supreme leader's close associates.

These were outgoing President Ali Khamenei, Rafsanjani, former chief justice Abdolkarim Mousavi Ardebili, outgoing Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi and Khomeini's son Ahmad.

There have been no reports of such councils — called "meeting of the heads of the three branches" — since Khomeini's death and it remains to be seen if the new men in those positions will wield the same power.

The post of prime minister has been abolished under constitutional amendments adopted in a referendum last month.

Some political analysts say Karrubi's choice is only a stop-gap measure until Ahmad Khomeini, 42, is elected to the Majlis to take the speaker's chair in by-elections to be held possibly in three months.

An Iranian parliamentary group called today for the impeachment of the Minister for Heavy Industries Behza Nabavi, in connection with a multi-million dollar corruption case, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.





Solidarity meeting

Picture left (from left to right): Amal leader Nabih Berri, Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouq Al Shara and Druze Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) leader Walid Jumblatt attend a meeting of Iranian, Syrian officials and Syria's main Lebanese Muslim and leftist allies in Damascus today. Picture right shows Sayed Hussein Musavi (left) another leader of Amal talks with Iranian Ambassador to Syria Mohamed Hassa Akhtari during the same meeting. The meeting, the biggest ever held, focused on forging an action against Christian leader General Michel Aoun. (Reuter wirephoto)



# 'Give informer a chance to repent'

## Palestinians to boycott jobs

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 16. (Agencies): Leaders of the Palestinian revolt fear the killing of collaborators is spinning out of control. About half the deaths in the Israeli-occupied territories are now attributed to harsh underground justice.

Palestinians and the Israeli Army agree about 90 of the 597 Arab victims of the 20-month-long intifada were killed for collaborating with Israeli authorities. More than half were this year.

"The unified national leadership calls upon the masses not to eliminate any collaborator without a central decision by the supreme leadership... and not before he is given advance warning and a chance to repent," said a leaflet distributed yesterday.

It was the second leaflet in succession warning against summary executions, indicating both continuing concern and the lack of response to the previous appeal.

# Who's fighting who in Lebanon

NICOSIA, Aug 16. (AP): Here are sketches of the main military forces and factions involved in Lebanon's 14-year-old civil war.

**Amal** — Arabic for hope, is the main Shiite Muslim faction that controls most of southern Lebanon. It was founded in 1974 as a social movement seeking better living standards for the million-strong Shiites, Lebanon's largest single faction. Its leader is French-educated lawyer Nabih Berri. Although Amal is a close ally of Syria, the militia's 6,500 fighters have stayed out of the latest confrontation between Syrian forces and Christian units from the Lebanese Army.

**The Progressive Socialist Party** — The militia force of the Druze, an offshoot of Islam, is based in the Chouf Mountains east and southeast of Beirut. The party is led by Walid Jumblatt who is from the largest clan among the 200,000-strong Druze community. The Progressive Socialists have about 100 Soviet-made tanks and 4,000 hardcore fighters but can field up to 12,000. The party has been fighting alongside the Syrians in the latest battle against the Christian forces.

**Hezbollah** — The Party of God is Amal's main Shiite rival and seeks an Iranian-style Islamic republic in Lebanon. It controls Beirut's southern shams. The Iranian-backed party, formed in 1982, has some 3,500 fighters. Hezbollah is believed to be the umbrella group for extremist Shiite factions holding most of the 16 foreign hostages in Lebanon. It has declared support for the Syrian units in Lebanon but has not joined the latest battle.

**The Mourabitoun** — The main militia force of the Sunni Muslims before it was smashed by Amal, aided by the Progressive Socialists, in April 1985, has since gone underground, leaving the Sunnis without any significant militia force.

**The Lebanese Army** — Once the government's military force, the army has been fractured along sectarian lines. The mainly Christian units, with an estimated 20,000 men, are led by Army Commander Gen. Michel Aoun, a Maronite Catholic. His three combat brigades are US-trained and equipped with US-built tanks and artillery. They are the main force defending the Christian areas around Beirut.

The Muslim military forces, with an estimated 22,000 soldiers, are commanded by Maj. Gen. Sami Khazbi. These brigades, made up of Druze, Shiite and Sunni troops, have stayed out of the latest fighting.

**The Lebanese Forces** — Led by former medical student Samir Geagea, it is the Christians' main militia. The right-wing force has some 6,000 fighters and thousands more reservists. The force has pro-Israeli leanings and is well armed with tanks and artillery. They are Aoun's only backers.

**The Palestine Liberation Organisation** — The PLO is made up of about 5,000 commandos and thousands of reservists based in camps in southern Lebanon. PLO chairman Yasser Arafat's loyalists, who make up the bulk of the force, have stayed out of the current fighting, but pro-Syrian dissidents have joined forces with Jumblatt's Progressive Socialist Party.

**Syrian troops** — They first entered Lebanon in 1976 as part of an Arab League peacekeeping force. The non-Syrian units soon pulled out. The Syrians initially sought to curb Muslim factions, but wound up fighting the Christians in later years. The Syrians, with more than two divisions — about 40,000 troops with hundreds of tanks and heavy artillery — in Lebanon control about 70 per cent of Lebanese territory. They are blocking all land exits from the Christian enclave north of Beirut.

**The South Lebanon Army** — Supported by Israel, the army is mainly Christian and has a base around the mountain town of Marjayoun in southern Lebanon.

# Beirut going down the drain

## Diplomats make the best of bad situation

# A hell named Beirut

BEIRUT, Aug 16. (AP): After five months of day and night shelling by Christian and Syrian forces, Beirut has been abandoned by 90 per cent of its people. It is a living hell for those who still huddle in its ruins.

"We're living like rats underground, hiding in fear in shelters for endless days and nights," lamented Salwa Ashkar, a 22-year-old Maronite Catholic woman who runs a beauty parlour in Christian east Beirut. "We can't take much more."

Across the capital's dividing green line, a moon-shaped of devastated apartment blocks infested by snipers, the Muslims are also in a state of despair.

"We're trying to get out. Anywhere," said Shami, 24.

Hospitals are running out of medicine. There's no electricity or water. The presidential palace atop a hill overlooking Beirut in the Christian suburb of Baabda, like most buildings, has been blasted into rubble.

Packs of stray dogs scavenge through the piles of fly-infested garbage in the streets.

Rats, some as big as cats, scamper through the stinking mounds that lie festering in the heat on nearly every alley corner.

Beneath the rubble-strewn streets, where power cables cut by shrapnel dangle from splintered wooden poles, the estimated 150,000 Beirut residents cower in underground bunkers or basement parking lots.

Apartment building tenants crowd ground-floor entrances to cook whatever they have on makeshift stoves. Housewives hand out the meager fare. The men venture out when they can to forage wood or anything that will burn.

There is nothing but despair. After 14 years of civil war, an Israeli invasion and murderous street battles between rival militias, surviving one day to the next is all Beirutis can expect.

Radio stations cut into programmes to report which areas are being hit — in between commercial breaks with jingles advertising Scotch or hairsprays.

The police, who long ago lost all hope of maintaining law and order in a country that seemed bent on self-destruction, chronicle Lebanon's daily disasters with painstaking dedication.

They estimate that more than 1.3 million of the 1.5 million people who lived in Beirut before the latest spasm of fighting between the Christians and the Syrians broke out March 8 have fled the city.

Every day in Muslim west Beirut, when the shelling eases, people emerge from the bunkers, load up cars and pickups with whatever they can carry, and head south.

Some find shelter with relatives. But tens of thousands have to camp out along the coastal highway as they did when they fled the Israeli siege of Beirut in 1982.

For miles (kilometres) along the highway, these refugees in their own land squat beside the road, listening to the rumble of shellfire to the north ripping their city apart.

In east Beirut, the Christians are no so lucky. Their 800-kilometre (310-square-mile) enclave, shrunken after years of defeats in the civil war, is ringed to the north, south and east by the Syrians and their allies.

The only way out is by sea, past a Syrian blockade on ships bound for Cyprus. Not everyone makes it.

A Christian couple lost their two daughters a few nights ago when Syrian shellfire hit the speedboat ferrying them to a Norwegian-owned hydrofoil, the Santa Maria, that sinks in at night.

The parents were separated when they were pulled from the Mediterranean by the Santa Maria's crew. Both thought the other had the

# UN call for truce

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priority must be given to a Syrian withdrawal.

A spokesman for Aoun said: "The general unconditionally welcomes the UN Security Council resolution."

"The resolution as we understand it is a package deal that involves not just a ceasefire, but also lifting of blockades and programming the Syrian military pull-out from Lebanon."

Syria said today in a veiled criticism that Arab League bore at least part of the blame for the latest fighting in the Lebanese war.

"It would have been possible to avoid this bloodshed during recent days had those seeking a political solution pointed clearly to the one who rejected every initiative for a ceasefire," Damascus radio said.

"Could we not say part of the responsibility for the recent security escalation should be borne by those who kept silent towards the sabotage role of Aoun towards all peace efforts?"

The League committee announced at the end of July it had failed to bridge differences between Syria and Aoun.

The committee's final report said neither side was prepared to compromise.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati left for home today after assuring Syria and its Lebanese allies of Tehran's strong support, diplomats said.

World concern mounted for the fighting, which has killed more than 675 people and wounded 3,000 since March.

French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas said France will keep on putting pressure on Syria until a ceasefire is implemented and that should be the "immediate and number one goal."

In Marseille, France, a large number of Lebanese began the second day of a sit-in at the US consulate to protest what they perceived was Washington's apathy to the worsening fighting in Lebanon.

France will continue "talking with Syria and concerned Arab capitals to obtain a ceasefire as soon as possible as it is the immediate and number one goal," Dumas said after meeting at the Elysee Palace with President Francois Mitterrand and Francois Scherer, the Foreign Ministry secretary-general who went to Damascus Sunday to talk to Syrian authorities.

Dumas said Scherer, who talked for several hours with Syrian Vice-President Abdel Halim Khaddam and the Syrian foreign minister "insisted on the necessity for Syria to use its direct or indirect influence on the Lebanese events to obtain an immediate and effective ceasefire."



Video cameras confiscated

An Israeli soldier with an Uzi sub-machine-gun holds two small video cameras yesterday after they were confiscated from two Palestinians who work with foreign television networks. In centre is Maher Shalabi, a freelancer for the Visnews television agency, who was allowed entry to photograph after a petrol bomb attack on four Israeli government workers. (Reuter wirephoto)

# NEWS IN BRIEF

## Treasure found

CAIRO, Aug 16. (Reuters): An Egyptian farmer found a Pharaonic tomb filled with wooden coffins, three mummies and gold goblets buried under his house, a Cairo newspaper reported.

The mass circulation Al Akhbar said antiquities police in southern Egypt raided the house of the unnamed farmer in being tipped off that he intended to sell the artefacts illegally to tourists.

The tomb was near the Valley of the Kings where 60 ancient Egyptian kings had their tombs and probably back to 1080-715 BC.

## Date set

AMMAN, Jordan, Aug 16. (AP): Prime minister Zeid Bin Shaker announced yesterday that Jordan's first nationwide parliamentary elections in 22 years will take place on Nov 8.

The vote for an enlarged chamber elected solely from Jordan will help seal the country's separation from the Israeli-occupied West Bank.

The announcement, carried by the official Jordan news agency, said the date was set by the 36-member cabinet according to King Hussein's royal decree earlier this month calling for elections.

## Algeria reports

ALGIERS, Algeria, Aug 16. (AP): Algerian health officials today published the latest national AIDS figures showing 29 full-blown cases of acquired immune deficiency syndrome and 146 people who have tested seropositive for the deadly virus.

The 29 cases included 25 men and four women, according to figures published by the national medical committee who first began reporting figures in 1985.

Twenty-one of the 29 victims have died from AIDS which fatally attacks the human immune system.

## Rebels seize

NAIROBI, Aug 16. (Reuters): Armed Somali rebels have seized the main crossing point to Kenya and 6,000 Somali refugees are camped on the border, a Kenyan newspaper said today.

A reporter from the Standard who visited the border area at the weekend disguised as a Somali tribesman reported that deserters from the Somali army and police controlled the border settlement of Doble on the main road between Kenya and Somalia.

A Reuter correspondent who tried to visit the area at the same time was turned back near the border and escorted 200 km (125 miles) back along the road to Nairobi by a truckload of armed police.

## Adviser retires

ALGIERS, Aug 16. (Reuters): Major-General Abdallah Belhouche, one of the military leaders in the Algerian war of independence and the highest ranking officer in the armed forces, has retired from his post as military adviser to President Chadli Benjedid.

The general, a sergeant in the French army before he joined the National Liberation Army in 1958, rose after independence to reach the highest councils of the ruling National Liberation Front (FLN) party.

Belhouche's retirement at the age of 63 was announced in the latest edition of the official gazette, the official news agency APS reported today.

## Begin hospitalised

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Aug 16. (AP): Former Prime Minister Menachem Begin was hospitalised today for medical tests after complaining of fatigue, hospital officials said.

Begin, who turned 76 last Saturday, was admitted to Shaarei Tzedek hospital here and will stay for "a day or two," said Dr Jonathan Halevy, the hospital's director-general.

"He complained for the last few days about some fatigue, but nothing specific," Halevy said.

Halevy said initial tests "were negative, meaning nothing was found." He added: "I expect him to be released within a day or two."

Those targeted are suspected of passing information to security forces, selling land to Israelis or violating moral codes.

The killings show a toughening of the resistance to the Israeli occupation by young Palestinian activists and frustration at the lack of concrete accomplishments from the revolt.

In addition, as the Israelis have become better at identifying Palestinians involved in the uprising, wanted individuals have become more ruthless in eliminating those who might turn them in.

"Persons suspected of co-operating with the authorities should be asked to repent," Faissal Hussein, a leading Palestinian figure, told Israel's Itim news agency. "We should try to maintain the uprising as a 'white revolution' and keep it less violent."

The uprising could degenerate into internal bloodletting, undermining the leaders' search for foreign support and raising questions about their ability to control its direction.

Exact causes of the killings might be disputed, but there is no argument over the drastic rise in the number killed.

The Israeli Army count is 91 so far in the uprising. A Palestinian source said of some 90 people killed over the past three months, about half were at the hands of other Palestinians.

Palestinians in the occupied Gaza Strip were ordered today to boycott their jobs in Israel for two weeks to protest Israel's new computerized identity cards.

The call came a day after underground leaders of the uprising announced a weeklong strike by West Bank workers starting Friday to show solidarity with the Gaza labourers.

Their leaflet warned that Palestinians violating the strike would be considered "as betrayers."

At least 13 Palestinians were wounded in stone-throwing clashes with Israeli troops in the occupied territories today, including six in the Askar refugee camp near the West Bank town of Nablus.

Arab reporters said the confrontations were the most violent in recent weeks, but gave no explanation for the upsurge.

An Israeli-Arab doctors association today condemned medical conditions in the Israeli-occupied Gaza Strip, citing inadequate services and Israeli military action against patients and staff.

In a 32-page report, the association of Israeli and Palestinian physicians for human rights contends that medical services in the Gaza Strip "is tied to political, not medical (or) professional policy."

"Since the beginning of the uprising in the occupied territories, a new tendency has appeared — the use of medicine as an additional means of repression against the population," the report said.

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# Sudan to hold talks

KHARTOUM, Aug 16. (AP): A senior delegation will fly to Ethiopia next week to hold the first round of talks between the new military government and the rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army, a member of the delegation said today.

Col. Mohamed Al Amin Khalifa, a member of the 15-man revolutionary council which came to power following a military coup June 30, will lead the government's delegation, the Sudan News Agency (SUNA) said.

The announcement comes after a two-part speech by rebel leader Col John Garang on Monday and Tuesday, threatening to overthrow the new military regime using military force and a popular uprising unless it steps down and paves the way for general elections and democracy.



## Governorate councils decision applauded

### Wider scope of participation

THE cabinet decision on the formation of governorate councils has come in for tremendous applause from the public. It is viewed as a true translation of the national wish to optimise the level of services in the country's governorates, and offer them the chance to play an active part in the different national development channels.

A number of public figures have described this initiative as conducive to deepening the sense of national belonging, enhancing the base for meeting citizens requirements and forming a positive step to strengthening the relation between citizens and officials.

The mukhtar of Southern Jahra Mohammad Haif Al Jahrafi has described the decision

to set up governorate councils as a positive step that would provide citizens with easy and direct access to government officials, and reduce obstructive red-tape procedures.

**Effective**  
The Mukhtar of Juleeb Al Shiyoukh Fahd Abdullah Abu Tamr has said this step will play a major role in the implementation of services that catered to a huge population of citizens and lead to the optimisation of service level through time-saving and effective ways.

Salem Al Lamme, the Mukhtar of Sabahiya Area, said that the governorate councils will offer citizens the chance for a wider scope of participation and co-operation with government officials on the road to national

development.

Salah Khalifa Al Jari, a local lawyer, said that the initiative was a great gesture on the part of HH the Amir, however the cabinet decision on the formation of these councils failed to identify the relation between these councils and government ministries, particularly in connection with matters of urgency.

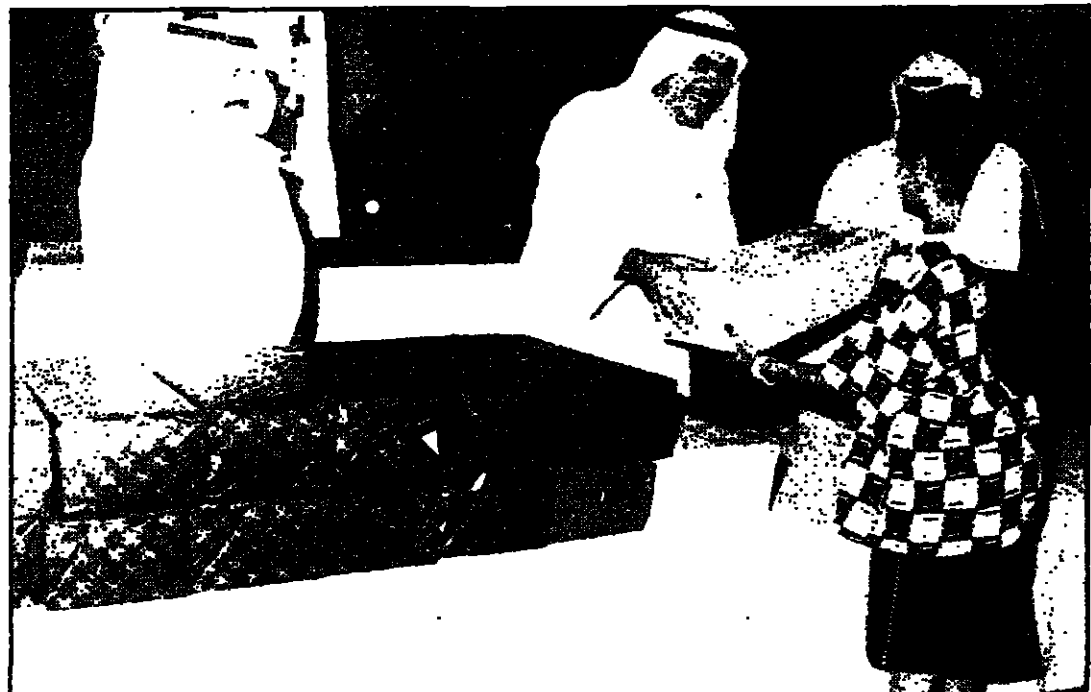
He added that the council is a mini-government department consisting of different government divisions aimed at facilitating the performance by citizens of their national duties.

**Gap**  
The chairman of the board at Jahra Co-operative Society Jazza Fahd Al Qahs has described the council-forming decision as the result of deep con-

cern by HH the Amir to ensure continued and steady development of the national building process and to bridge the communication gap between officials and citizens.

He said the project has the makings of success if those in charge are able to shoulder their responsibilities and be active in voicing public feelings.

The chairman of the board and director-general of the Public Authority for Agricultural Affairs and Fish Resources Nasser Ahmad Al Amir has said that project is a noble gesture on the part of HH the Amir that it will enable citizens to secure an equal share of the services offered by the government, and the council will serve as a link between government and people.



Amiri prizes awarded

Mubarak Al Haddad, assistant undersecretary for educational services distributed the prizes awarded by HH the Amir to outstanding members of the summer clubs at a ceremony organised by the Farwaniya Educational Area. The ceremony included a number of musical, dramatic and sporting events and was attended by Ibrahim Abal Khalil, director of Farwaniya Educational Area and other senior officials.

## Teachers must command respect of pupils: Khodari

### Ministry preparing for new school year

UNDERSECRETARY of the Ministry of Education, Abdul Rahman Al Khodari stated that teachers still enjoy the respect and honour of society adding that it depends on the teacher to gain the respect of others through exemplary behaviour and actions in the classroom and society in general. He pointed out that the outbreak of inadequate practices of some students and teachers are considered abnormal cases and they regularly occur in any society.

Khodari stated that the ministry is almost ready to complete air-conditioning kindergartens and primary schools according to an Amiri desire which called for air-conditioning all schools in the country. He indicated that distribution of present educational areas covers all Kuwait locations and that it is fair. The Ministry of Education has no intentions to increase educational areas for the time being, the official said.

#### Curricula

Interviewed by student members of Hawalli Summer Club journalism group, he said that any educational curriculum is not built on individual decisions but, rather field studies conducted by the Curricula and Research Department in co-operation with ministry experts. He added that it is impossible to impose a curriculum which is inadequate to the number of classes. He pointed out that curricula development committees at the Ministry of Education are constantly reviewing all educational curricula through the academic year. These committees are responsible for determining

curricula and various disciplines.

He explained that efforts conducted by schools administrations to prevent cheating at examinations has proven to be very successful and fruitful. He indicated that the self-supervision experiment carried out at several schools will improve students self leadership and will improve co-operation. Last year's experiment of self supervision was encouraging and summer clubs have played an important role in creating an educational environment for students during summer seasons.

The ministry varies activities each year and conducts massive preparations to attract a larger number of students at summer clubs, the official said.

#### Summer clubs

Khodari pointed out that the ministry effective the next academic year will conduct a comprehensive study on summer clubs activities. He stated that a special committee was formed by the ministry to study summer clubs activities.

On the other hand, Assistant Undersecretary for development at the Ministry of Education, Dr Rasheed Al Hamad stressed that the curricula unification experiment which was implemented three years ago at a number of schools proved to be successful. The unification of curricula was conducted with the co-operation of the Arab Centre for Educational Research for Arab Gulf countries.

Hamad added that the experiment was implemented after conducting several studies by experts representing member states at the centre.

## Support to Egypt a duty: Khorafi

KUWAIT, Aug 16. (KUNA): Kuwait considers its support to Egypt as a mere duty toward its sisterly Arab countries and establishment of the Kuwait Fund for Arab Economic Development (KFAED) is only to execute such obligations, said Kuwaiti Finance Minister Jassim Al Khorafi.

Khorafi, speaking to local daily on the occasion of the Amir's visit to Egypt on August 28, said Kuwait and Egypt are enjoying distinctive and eternal relations.

He added that the forthcoming meeting between HH the Amir and President Hosni Mubarak will be a milestone in Arab and Islamic worlds because of the positions that both leaders are holding.

HH is currently chairing the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) while President Mubarak chairs the Organisation of African Unity (OAU).

The finance minister said Egypt possesses huge investment opportunities and Kuwait is one of the biggest investors there, pointing out that the sanctioning of the unified investment law in Egypt will create the appropriate climate for investments.

He expected Egypt's return to the Arab League would help the joint Arab action to proceed in the right direction.

Concluding, Khorafi said KFAED's financial commitments to Egypt reached \$270 million so far, pledging the fund's continuation in aiding other Egyptian development schemes.

Meanwhile in Cairo, Egyptian Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Dr Esmat Abdel Meguid has agreed to patronise the Kuwaiti Information Week slated to open on August 23rd within the framework of celebrations on HH the Amir of Kuwait's visit.

The Kuwaiti week, to take place at Nile Hall of the New Opera House, will include a photography exhibition depicting development of bilateral relations between Egypt and Kuwait since the era of Late President Jamal Abdel Nasser until current period of President Hosni Mubarak.

# Sultan brings back the stars to Saudi Arabia

'I will return to space,' says first Arab astronaut

FOR Saudi Arabia, the next important frontier is space, according to the youngest astronaut ever to fly on a US space mission, astronaut Prince Sultan Bin Salman Bin Abdul Aziz Al Saud.

Prince Sultan, since his 17,000 mile flight as a crewmember on the US space shuttle "Discovery" in 1985, has become the link between ancient Arab astronomers who mapped the stars and dreamed of touching them and a new generation who will.

"I definitely will return to space one day," the now 32-year-old Prince Sultan said in a USA interview. But he quickly added "there are many others who also keep in shape and will be going up before I do, I'm sure." He said because of the expense of space exploration "the future of space travel lies in international co-operation, rather than one country efforts."

In the United States for a week to help launch the exhibition "Saudi Arabia Yesterday and Today" on its one year tour of US cities, the pilot prince says his Discovery flight in June of 1985 has spurred scientific and technological development and a generation aspiring to the stars throughout Saudi Arabia and the Arab Gulf region.

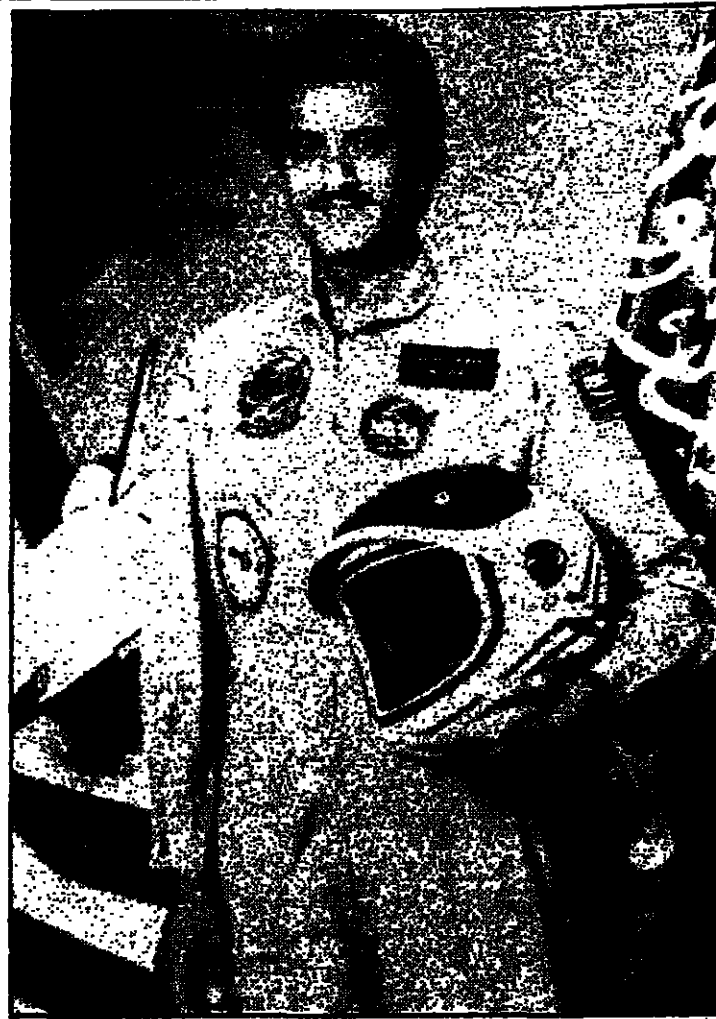
"It opened a very huge door to the future in Saudi Arabia — a huge door into space, space travel and space technology," the astronaut said at a film presentation about his space mission held at the Smithsonian Air and Space Museum in Washington. Perhaps the greatest impact of Discovery can be seen in the field of education, the Arab astronaut noted. He said in 1948 there were about 20,000 students throughout Saudi Arabia at every level of education from kindergarten to university. "Today we have something like a million and a half people going to school."

"For our people to just be exposed to such a programme was a tremendous experience," the prince said, adding that the 20th century section of the "Saudi Arabia Yesterday and Today" exhibition demonstrates that Saudi Arabia today is "utilising to the fullest extent" the spinoff from space research in every field of technology today, including medicine, hospitals, communications, and research.

In the 20th century section of the exhibition viewers discover for themselves what Prince Sultan does not say: that in Riyadh the King, Fahd Bin Abdul Aziz, has called for the establishment of a great astronomical complex and scientific settlement in the name of Prince Sultan.

Another impact of his flight on the Arab world, the prince told his avid Smithsonian audience, is that "something like a thousand million people were exposed to this Saudi Arabian-American experience." Prince Sultan said in the Gulf and the Islamic world "hundreds of millions of people were glued to their television sets day and night. We had really extensive coverage."

Discovery 51-G, launched June 17, 1985, and the 18th flight of the US space shuttle



Prince Sultan ... the world has no borders

programme was international in both crew and payload. It carried the first French and the first Arab payload specialists and a cargo including American, Mexican and Arab domestic communications satellites.

The Arab astronaut was one of a crew of seven on the mission, commanded by veteran pilot Daniel Brandenstein, now head of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration's astronaut training office in Houston. He was joined by pilot John Creighton, and mission specialists Shannon Lucid, Steven Nagel and John Fabian, and French payload specialist Patrick Baudry, who carried out biomedical experiments similar to those flown by a French cosmonaut aboard a Soviet-manned mission. "I heard people say it was one of the most successful missions NASA has ever had," Prince Sultan noted, "We were very fortunate."

On the second day, 26 hours into the mission, the 2,800 pound Arabsat-A satellite was ejected flawlessly from the cargo bay of the orbiter. Eighty seconds after deployment and about 200 feet from Discovery, its built-in rocket was jettisoned by a signal from master control station in Riyadh through the COMSAT Launch Control Centre in Washington, DC. The rectangular spacecraft, its fold and solar panels glistening against a cerulean sky, continues to provide telecommunications links for the Arab world, the prince said.

During the seven-day mission, the Saudi pilot conducted 70 mm photographic studies for Saudi research institute scientists at the University of Petroleum and

and another I wondered 'where are those lines I had been hearing of?'

All of the Discovery crew seemed to focus on viewing their own country during the first days of the flight he noted. "Patrick (Baudry) kept showing us Africa because he was born in Africa," he said, and during the time of the mission, fires were burning throughout Africa. "We could see thousands of fires — it just breaks your heart."

"I kept showing people Saudi Arabia and the Gulf. We used to see the sun rise and set about 16 times a day — about every 45 minutes."

About the fourth day into the mission, the astronaut said a "noticeable change" began taking place as the crew in their studies began to view the world as a whole. "By the end of the mission, we all had agreement, saw just one planet. When you go into space once, you really leave a little bit of you up there. I have a long distance contact there now," Prince Sultan told his Smithsonian audience. "I just close my eyes every time I want to go back. There's a little bit of me up there just looking at things that never disappears..."

As a pilot, Prince Sultan says he continues to read maps, but after that experience "I could never rebuild that same definition of borders." Three months after the flight he came home to Saudi Arabia, but was invited to return to the United States at the invitation of President Reagan for a visit to the White House. "And I told something really stupid," he told youngsters. "I forgot my passport back home — but then, I'd been around the world 111 times in a week. We kept going into and out of countries so fast — why should I need a passport?"

Responding to questions from students and their parents the prince told the science enthusiasts "I was more scared of the alligators when I used to run in the morning in Florida" during training than of blasting off into space. "Someone told me they could run faster than hitmen," he added that he had "some of the most wonderful times of my life" in the NASA complex in which astronauts trained.

One aspect of the mission he said he had not been prepared for was his return from space 7 days later. "Back home, we're not used to people being idealised — to people being the centre of attention because of something humanistic that was done."

Asked what he said in his space-to-earth conversation with King Fahd, Prince Sultan said in Saudi Arabia it is customary to conclude telephone conversations with a query "would you like anything from here?"

"The king parting words as I left Riyadh, had said to me, 'bring us back the stars,' the prince said.

"As I ended our conversation from space I asked him 'would you like anything from here?'"

"When I returned to Saudi Arabia the king asked me, 'What could you have brought me back from space?'"

— And I told him — 'the stars.'

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ART may make a suit of clothes, but nature must produce a man — David Hume, Scottish philosopher (1711-1776).

ASEAN frets over US bases  
Singapore offer

SINGAPORE's recent offer to allow American military facilities here has drawn plaudits from the Philippines, where US bases are a knotty political issue, but concern among others striving for a "zone of peace, freedom and neutrality" in Southeast Asia.

The disclosure that tiny Singapore was willing to share the political responsibility of US military bases has prompted the American embassy to issue assurances that "no decisions or commitments" have been made yet.

George Yeo, minister of state for finance and foreign affairs, said there have not been any concrete discussions on what the United States would like Singapore to provide.

"We are not quite aware of what they are interested in, nor have we told them what we are prepared to offer," he said.

But diplomatic sources said talks between the two countries have touched on the possibility of stationing two squadrons of F-16 fighters in Singapore, providing naval facilities for storage and repair of American warships, and accommodations for 200 families.

In unveiling the government's stance, Yeo told members of Parliament Aug 4 that Singapore was prepared to allow the United States to set up military installations to make it easier for the Philippines to renew the leases for Clark Air Base and Subic Naval Base. The leases expire in 1991.

Manila has complained on several occasions that none of its neighbours wanted to share the responsibility for playing host to US military facilities.

"We are assuming all the risks. The missiles are not directed at their capitals. I think they are getting a free ride," said Philippine Senator Rene Saguisag.

Western observers said Singapore's move could help Philippine President Corason Aquino convince her countrymen of the need to keep the bases since she would be able to cite the support of regional allies.

Yeo stressed facilities here could not possibly replace either Clark or Subic since Singapore has neither the space nor the strategic location required for the largest overseas American military facilities. He said however, that the republic still is prepared "to make it easier for the Philippines".

The United States and Singapore "have been discussing the possibility of greater security co-operation for quite some time," said US embassy spokesman Richard Gong.

Noting that an American military technical team arrived in June to survey air and naval facilities, Gong said, "We will carefully study the report before deciding how we might follow up."

"We have a long history of close co-operation on security issues," Gong said, and "the current discussions are part of this ongoing co-operation."

In Manila, Foreign Secretary Raul Manglapus said Singapore's gesture would have an impact on the November discussions in Washington between Aquino and President Bush.

The United States maintains the two giant Philippines bases and four smaller installations under a 1947 agreement that has become an emotional political issue in the island nation, which depends on the American spending but resents the control it imposes.

The bases are home to 17,000 US servicemen and employ more than 68,000 Filipino workers, resulting in more than \$500 million annual US military spending.

The United States could be ejected from the bases on one year's notice if the leases are not renewed.

"If we should start to talk about continuation of the bases, we have to do it in the context of the new realities," said Manglapus, referring to Singapore's potential role.

Thailand, which also was host to US bases during the Vietnam War, has welcomed Singapore's bid for the bases.

Singapore, the Philippines and Thailand belong to the six-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations, along with Malaysia, Indonesia and Brunei. ASEAN long has touted a regional "zone of peace, freedom and neutrality" as a goal.

ASEAN carefully avoids giving any impression it might be a military grouping, preferring vaguer terms like "regional resilience" if the issue is raised. Members rely on bilateral pacts and the defence shield provided by the US, part of it from the two huge Philippine bases.

Diplomats say the association, which straddles the main sea lanes between Europe, the Middle East and eastern Asia, would rather keep the US defence umbrella for the meantime, although some may prefer not to say so too publicly.

Malaysian Defence Minister Ahmad Rithauddeen said the "phasing in of a zone of peace must go hand in hand with the phasing out" of foreign military bases in the region.

Ahmad Kamal Jaafar, spokesman for the Malaysian Foreign Ministry, said the plan to set up US military installations in Singapore was potentially damaging to global peace.

"Things are moving towards a peace process in a global framework and any introduction of forces in our area tends to undermine that process," Ahmad said, adding a proliferation of US bases would work against ASEAN's goals.

## TODAY IN HISTORY

1510 — Pedro Navarro, having taken Algiers and Tripoli for Spain, is killed in ambush in North Africa.

1577 — Peace of Bergerac ends sixth war of religion in France, whereby Huguenots secure important concessions for exercising their religion.

1743 — Peace of Abo between Russia and Sweden, which cedes south Finland to Russia as far as the Kiemen river.

1759 — British fleet under Admiral Boscawen defeats French off Cape St Vincent in West Indies.

1850 — Britain buys forts on Africa's Gold Coast from Denmark.

1879 — French Panama Canal company is formed under Ferdinand de Lesseps.

1912 — Britain sends note warning China against sending military expedition to Tibet.

1920 — Romania joins Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia in alliance which becomes triple entente.

1943 — Allied Forces gain complete control in Sicily in World War II.

1945 — Dutch refuse to recognize independent Indonesia Republic; Provisional French President Charles de Gaulle commutes death sentence of World War II collaborator Henri Philippe Petain to life imprisonment.

1964 — Congolese Premier Moise Tshombe appeals to five African nations to help put down rebellion in the Congo.

1974 — Turkish cease-fire that was declared on Cyprus breaks down with new thrust southward by Turkish invaders.

1976 — Earthquake that caused tidal wave on Philippine island of Mindanao leaves estimated 8,000 people dead or missing.

1985 — Auto packed with dynamite explodes outside crowded supermarket in Lebanon's Christian East Beirut, killing at least 50 people and wounding 80.

1986 — Rescuers continue evacuating by boat more than 100,000 people marooned in flood-swept southeastern India.

1987 — Former Nazi Deputy Fuehrer Rudolf Hess dies at age 93.

1988 — Pakistan's President Zia-ul-Haq and US Ambassador Arnold Raphael are killed when their Pakistani military plane explodes.

## Spectre looms large in Pakistan

## Zia still a threat to foes

A YEAR after his mysterious death, the smiling general who ruled Pakistan for 11 years is emerging as a threat to his political foes.

President Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq, killed in a plane crash on August 17, 1988, is being promoted as a focus of opposition to Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's government.

Zia's eldest son Ejaz-ul-Haq and other political heirs have summoned his supporters for a show of strength on the first anniversary of his death on Thursday.

Newspaper advertisements paid for by opposition-controlled town and district councils urge people to congregate at his tomb outside Islamabad's majestic Faisal mosque.

The government has warned that political rallies are banned in the capital. But the organisers say they plan only to say prayers and stand in silence at 3.51 pm, the moment Zia's military transport plane plunged to death.

They are hoping for a big turnout to increase pressure on the government, which depends on the support of independents for its National Assembly majority.

Bhutto, 36, was a mortal enemy of Zia, who overthrew her father, Prime Minister Zulfikar Ali Bhutto, and presided over his execution on controversial murder conspiracy charges in 1979.

Until the crash, Zia had ruled unchallenged after seizing power on July 3, 1977. He is as controversial a figure in death as he was in life.

To the powerful Chief Minister of Punjab province, Nawaz Sharif, and other proteges, he was a deeply religious man who saved Pakistan from the elder Bhutto's megalomania.

To activists of Bhutto's Pakistan People's Party (PPP), many of whom Zia locked up, he was a dictator.

"My father was an incorruptible man, he believed in democracy, but a democracy that would last," Ejaz-ul-Haq said in an interview.

**Hypocrite**  
"He was very vindictive and a hypocrite, was the verdict of Parliamentary Affairs Minister Khawaja Tariq Rahim in a magazine interview.

After his death, Zia's legacy disappeared quickly from view. His name hardly featured at all during the campaign for last November's elections.

His political heirs found him something of an embarrassment and the PPP fought shy of publicly criticising a dead man.

Bringing him back into public attention is not without risks for Sharif and his allies in the Islamic Democratic Alliance. The alliance was formed last October to unite the PPP's opponents and many leading members have no love for Zia.

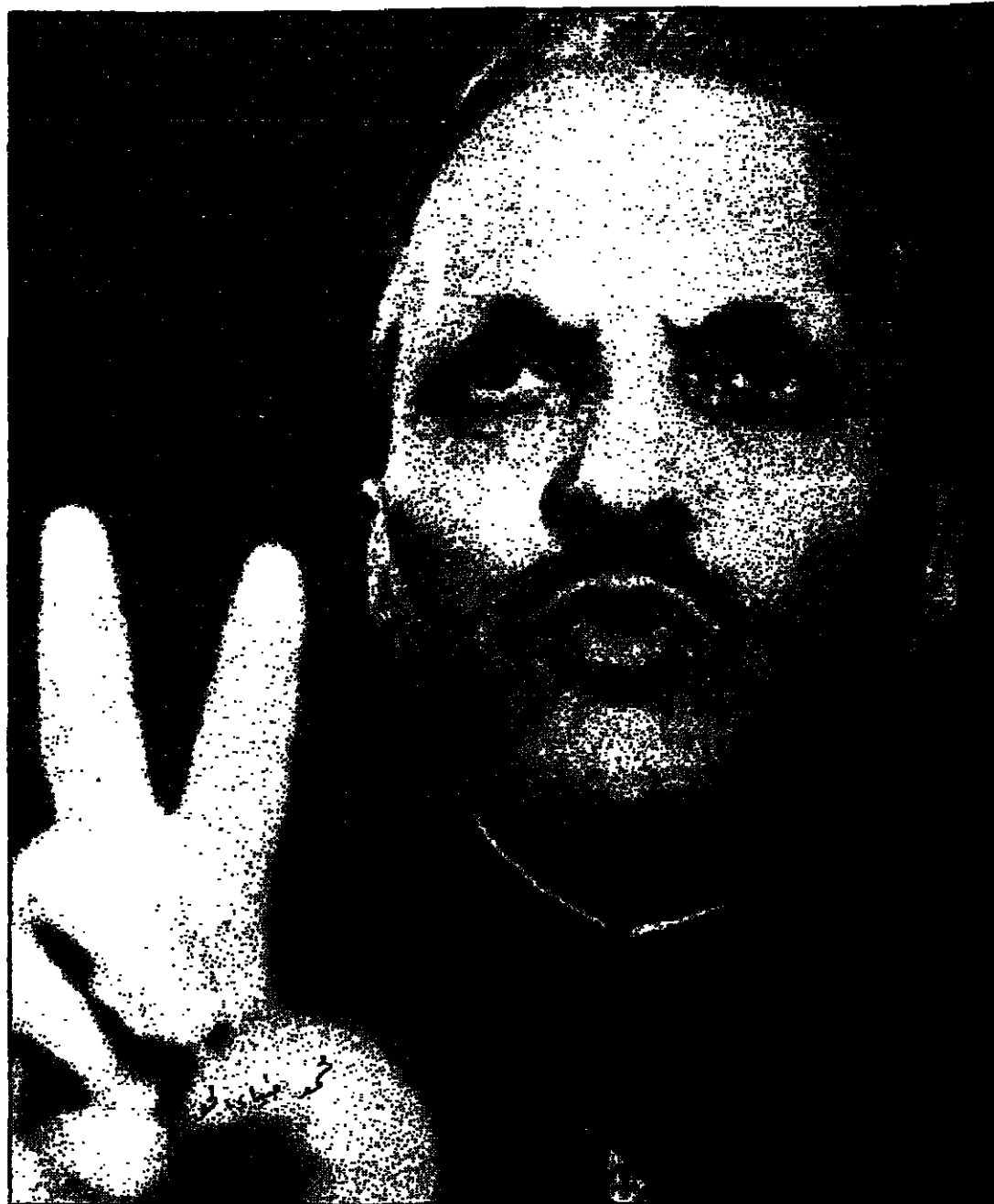
Former Prime Minister Mohammad Khan Junjo, sacked unceremoniously by Zia in May 1988, has no plans to attend the anniversary ceremony.

Manzoor Wattoo, Speaker of the Punjab Provincial Assembly, the alliance's powerbase, said he could not imagine elected politicians commemorating the death of a military ruler, according to the official APP news agency.

Meanwhile, Ejaz, 37, wants to know who killed his father.

The plane crash that changed the face of Pakistani politics happened near Bahawalpur, not far from the Indian border. The president had been attending the trials of a new US tank.

Shortly after takeoff for the return trip to Islamabad, Zia's Hercules C-130 lost contact with the Bahawalpur control tower. Eyewitnesses saw



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the plane pitch crazily through the sky before crashing and exploding in flames.

**Killed**  
All 31 people on board were killed. Among them were US Ambassador Arnold Raphael and several top Pakistani officers, including Zia's righthand man General Akhtar Abdul Rehman.

A Pakistan Air Force report released two months later could find no evidence of technical failure and concluded the crash was "most probably" caused by "criminal act or sabotage".

Speculation in the Pakistani press ranged from an extremist Shi'ite Muslim suicide killer, through the secret services of Pakistan's enemies — India, Afghanistan and the Soviet Union — to vengeful supporters of Bhutto or rival military officers.

The matter was allowed to rest. Ejaz-ul-Haq wants the government to reopen it and hold a criminal investigation.

"Nothing has been done to uncover the truth," he said.

Ejaz has given up his job as Gulf investment manager for Bank of America — he still acts as consultant — to devote himself to politics in Pakistan.

"I will be standing for parliament in the next general elections," he said. "I am going to challenge her (Bhutto) in the constituencies where she stands."

The two children of controversial Pakistani leaders, only year apart in age, have never met. "I have not even seen her face," Ejaz-ul-Haq said. (Islamabad Reuter)

## 'No' to outside prescriptions

## Paradox of Africa's poverty

By Yakub Zilbrim

Arab Times Staff

THE paradox of Africa is that its wealth has been the source of its apparent poverty. The continent blessed with a vast reservoir of human and natural resources has, over the centuries, received the attention of marauding bands who invaded her and took away the best of her sons and daughters in addition to her natural resources.

The cumulative effect of the activities of these outsiders who came to Africa in diverse forms as traders, missionaries and later colonialists, has been that the continent with all its wealth has been reduced to a vast land of beggar nations.

History is replete with examples of nations atoning for their past misdeeds against other nations with vast amounts of grants and generous loans for reconstruction. But Africa seems to have been left out of the scheme of things in this regard.

Instead of extending loans to African countries to make them self-supporting, loans were and continue to be given for the importation of consumer items. This has had the effect of increasing our dependency rate and its subsequent effect of draining our scarce foreign reserves.

In going through this historical perspective, I do not intend to obscure the failings of African governments themselves which to some extent have contributed to this economic mess.

In a similar vein, I cannot gloss over the tendency of some outside experts to attribute the crisis solely to the mistakes made by newly-independent African states and thus downplay the parts their governments played and continue to play in this scenario.

To deny the fact that Africa's weak link in the world economic system is a product of colonialism is to deny the obvious.

Determined to keep their factories at home running, colonial administrations geared their policies towards developing the production of primary products in their dominions. This was done at the cost of industrial productions and self-sufficiency in the production of goods. Thus we have today a situation in which all African countries are dependent on primary products with their very low prices for sustenance.

Because of the very low prices paid for their products, African governments have had to borrow money from international finance markets to finance the imports of consumables that their people

have become used to consuming as well as finance the building of social amenities and infrastructure that was neglected by the colonial administrations. Thus over the years African governments have built up a debt burden the servicing of which consumes in some countries up to 70 per cent of their foreign exchange earnings.

To continue the flow of loans — not for any meaningful economic development but for the servicing of old loans and satisfying lifestyles that are the least African — governments have been compelled to adopt economic measures drawn from them by outsiders. The best that can be said about these prescriptions is that in reality they are not meant to promote the development of the continent but to keep her in perpetual economic subjugation — a very effective substitute for colonial subjugations.

Fortunately it seems our governments are beginning to unfold this plot — though belatedly.

In this perspective, the economic blueprint — African Alternative Framework to Structural Socio-Economic Recovery and Transformation — could not have come at a better time. This paper, prepared by the Economic Commission for Africa and adopted recently by African Finance and Economy ministers, should receive the utmost attention by our leaders. The leaders must endeavour to use every means at their disposal to convince donor countries and institutions to adopt the African economic blueprint as a guide in extending loans and grants to their countries. This is their only way since, under present circumstances, to say African countries should not go in for loans is asking for the impossible.

There is no doubt that the current misery on the continent has been, to a great extent, the result of the IMF/World Bank structural adjustment policies the continent has been forced to adopt. Among others, these prescriptions call for the removal of subsidies on consumer goods, restructuring of the labour force meaning dismissal of workers, devaluation of currencies, privatisation and de-emphasising university education.

In societies where individualism is an established way of life, where the economy is not dependent on primary products with their price fluctuations and where there exists a sufficient pool of skilled labour, the IMF/World Bank adjustment policies might work.

But in Africa with its traditional emphasis on communalism, dependence on primary production with its low incomes and with a dearth of skilled labour partly stemming from a brain drain, these prescriptions can only aggravate the sordid state of affairs as it exists on the continent today. In short, the IMF/World Bank prescriptions can be likened to a patient whose sickness is wrongly diagnosed and his condition made worse by a wrong prescription.

As mentioned above, it will not be easy for the continent to extricate itself from the claws of international financial institutions whose policies are overtly and covertly aimed at negating the sovereignty of African states. But this does not mean that the Africans should throw up their hands in despair and resign themselves to fate. They need to display to the world that innate capacity for survival which has seen them through centuries of exploitation.

Realising a problem, it is said, is half solving it. The Africans need to be aware of this dragnet thrown around the continent and take concrete steps to destroy it. To this end, they must stop being accomplices to their own subjugation.

Instead of acting in the shadows of others, Africans must behave as men and women possessing their own valuable skills and capabilities. The exploration of the persons in them — with the aim of giving expression to do what is within them — must replace their present confidence crisis.

They need to say no to their lust for what is not theirs and to the corresponding contempt to what does spring from them. They must find a way out of the paradox of producing what they don't consume and consuming what they don't produce. These are simple ideals that, if cultivated properly by the populace, will do a lot to help their leaders in their search for a better Africa.

A look at the map of Africa gives a picture of a contour not unlike that of a ham-bone. Some people would still like to justify their actions in Africa by claiming that this ham-bone was designed by nature for the carving knife of imperialism. To these people, Africa says that, far from being a ham-bone, she is rather a question mark, one asking them whether they will live up to their ethical professions of equality, liberty and the brotherhood of all mankind. If these principles are adhered to, the world as a whole and Africa, in particular, will be a much happier place.

## Arabs co-operative

## Gaza settlers see harmony

SANDWICHED between an Israeli Army base and a Palestinian potato field, the white strip of Gaza beach grew hot under the morning sun.

Avi Farhan, 42, one of the 3,000 Israelis who have settled in the Gaza Strip since it was captured from Egypt in 1967, flipped through his blueprints for developing the quiet Mediterranean beach into a major tourist resort.

He hopes that within five years, the Gaza Strip, the site of daily violent clashes during the 20-month-old Palestinian uprising against Israeli occupation, will become a vacation paradise.

The plan calls for five-star hotels, a bungalow colony, a yacht club and a horse racing track. Farhan believes it will soon receive government approval.

"The Arabs won't interfere with our project. Even with the intifada (Arabic for uprising), they co-operate with us," Farhan said, referring to the 700,000 Palestinians who live in the 28-mile (45 km) Gaza Strip.

Farhan dangled a dead fish by its tail. "Look, I caught this with Arab fishermen this morning. It is the symbol of continuing Arab-Jewish co-operation," he said.

Nine miles (14 km) south of where Farhan stood with his back to the surf, a young Palestinian entered the Gaza city municipality building. He walked up to the accounting department, pulled out a gun and shot two Palestinian workers.

Rezek Jidiya, 45, died immediately from a gunshot wound in the head. Ramadan Ead, 42, was taken to the hospital in serious condition. Witnesses said the masked gunman accused the two of collaborating with Israeli authorities before opening fire.

Although Farhan is aware of the violence of the Palestinian uprising, like many other Jewish settlers, he is optimistic about his future in Gaza and his relationship with Palestinians.

"We are like secret lovers," he said, squinting in the bright sun.

Farhan lives in Ele Sinai, one of the 16 Jewish settlements scattered among the densely populated Palestinian towns and refugee camps. In contrast to the 70,000 Israeli settlers in the occupied West Bank, they have little contact with their Palestinian neighbours.

The Jews of Gaza also have no biblical ties to the land, as do West Bank settlers. But they are just as determined to stay.

"I will live out my life here, God willing, and so will my child," Gila Foral, a member of Kibbutz Netzarim said, while cradling her 11-month-old baby.

"We are living in the eye of the storm. Here it is calm," she said, standing 1.9 miles (3 km) from Gaza city in the neatly manicured kibbutz garden.

The 22-year-old mother smiled placidly, seemingly unaffected by the violence just beyond the barbed wire fence surrounding her home.

An hour later, a group of Palestinian men from the Shaboura neighbourhood of the nearby city of Rafah approached an Israeli Army camp calling, "Come out and we will fight you."

That evening, soldiers entered Shaboura and were met with a hail of stones. They fired tear-gas at the stonethrowers and then live ammunition, residents said.

Muhammed Fayal, 15, fell to the ground with a gunshot wound in his right eye. Fawzi Lidawi, 20, was shot on the neck. Fayal lost his eye. Lidawi, his life.

By the end of this summer day in the Gaza Strip, another 14 Palestinians were injured by Army gunfire, and eight from beatings, according to reports from Palestinian sources.

Along the same sunny strip of land, small pockets of Israelis irrigated their crops. Mike Firestone, 30, took a break from his work in the tomato fields of Kibbutz Netzarim to comment on the relations with his Palestinian neighbours.

"We are not surrounded by hostile neighbours, said Firestone, who emigrated from Kansas City and now lives in the 10-family kibbutz.

"I want to believe, I have to believe that our neighbours really do want to meet us, but their leaders won't let them," Firestone said, his pistol tucked into a pair of blue shorts. (Ele Sinai — UPI)

## Israeli scientist

## sad, disillusioned

ISRAEL'S main independent research centre studying the occupied territories is closing with its founder in despair that his decade of work has not changed attitudes to the nature of the conflict between Jews and Palestinians.

"I don't want a eulogy. If I do, I'll write it myself," snapped white-haired Meron Benvenisti in the office of his West Bank Data Project in Jewish West Jerusalem.

Benvenisti, 55, born and reared in Jerusalem, angered both Israelis and Palestinians with his "no solution" theory about the future of the West Bank and Gaza Strip occupied by Israel since 1967.

The Harvard-trained social scientist said he was distraught over the violent 20-month Palestinian civil uprising in the territories and the failure by Israelis to change their approach to the occupation.

"I'm totally disillusioned and discouraged because nothing has happened," Benvenisti told Reuters.

Whatever his views, his fact-gathering about land ownership, population, the economy and the impact of Jewish settlement will be sorely missed by scholars, journalists and others.

Orlando Aravena whipped fans to a violent frenzy against Brazil.

"People at home are so bitter about the stagnation there. We'll do anything to make it over the border." — A woman said after Hungarian authorities gave permission for a tent city to be built in Budapest to house about 100 East Germans seeking to emigrate to the West.

"Getting paid a lot makes a difference professionally, but money doesn't make you play well. From the high school to the NBA, people always expect you to play well, and if you love basketball, you do." — US basketball player Dan Ferry said after signing his first contract with Italian club Il Messaggero Roma.

## Quote me

"We're living like rats underground, hiding in fear in shelters for endless days and nights" — Salwa Ashkar, a 22-year-old woman in Beirut on the catastrophe.

"It's balanced, decisive, effective and achievable" — US President Bush on the national drug plan.

"We can't have to be hostile with Iran for the rest of our lives." — President Bush on resuming relations with Tehran.

"I don't want to discuss figures. Ferry and Shaw in Italy represent an extraordinary event, an historic event for Italian basketball." — Roma's president Carlo Sama said after he signed US basketball players.

"I'm not in competition with my father, not in my heart. They want dad around. I wish they'd wake up. There's a few too many people living in the past." — Julian Lennon discussing living in the shadow of his father, the late John Lennon of the Beatles.

"This is a very sad, sad moment for drug enforcement." — John J. Coleman of the Drug Enforcement Administration commenting on the arrest of a DEA agent for possession of cocaine.

"It's either me or Steffi are completely senseless." — Jana Slovica, the wife of Steffi Graf's coach said about Bild newspaper allegations of her husband and Steffi Graf.

"I told him 'we're going to go over there and kick some butt.' He said 'yes and we are going to take some names. We want to win it back in the worst way.'" — Tom Watson greeted the selection of US Ryder Cup team.

"The water is turbid, the streets are a joke, communications are a nightmare and of course, electricity is a luxury of the past." — M.J. Akbar, Indian newspaper editor.

"They should be punished for what they did — It was a black day in world football history." — Brazil's manager Sebastiao Lazaroni, complaining that Chile's coach



# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Japanese firms move toward normal China business

TOKYO, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Japanese companies are moving cautiously to normalise their business in China after the brutal crackdown on pro-democracy protests, industry sources said.

"We are preparing to resume full operations in China, but have not yet moved in any significant manner," said a source at a major trading house, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

The government's partial lifting of its advice against travel to China and growing speculation martial law in Beijing may be lifted in the next few months, are encouraging factors.

The sources said many companies remain noncommittal because Tokyo has yet to give a clear go-ahead, with mixed signals coming from different ministries.

Japan suspended aid projects to China in protest against the massacre of protesters in Beijing Tiananmen Square on June 4 and the subsequent crackdown on dissent.

It also restricted its official trade insurance programme for dealings with China and asked private firms to moderate business activity there.

The Foreign Ministry is more cautious than other ministries about normalising relations because it worries Japan, a major participant in China trade, could be labelled opportunist if it moves too quickly, the sources said.

An official said his ministry was not specifically telling companies what they should or should not do. It expected them to continue respecting the series of protest measures the government has

taken. "The government may decide to change that policy sometime in the future. If this is the case, we wouldn't mind if companies followed suit," the official said.

Industry sources said they took this as a sign the ministry does not yet favour a return to business as usual.

Other ministries, such as the Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI), the guardian of corporate Japan, do not seem as nervous.

A MITI official said that after two months of self-restraint, Japanese companies are still taking a very low profile in China, whereas their US and European counterparts are becoming increasingly assertive.

He said this trend was not all bad for

Japanese companies because it could make it easier for them to return to normal China operations without drawing much criticism from abroad.

Industry sources said a full return by Japanese companies could come when the World Bank decides to resume its lending to China. One trading house source said this might happen at the bank's board meeting in early September.

One factor which could slow normalisation is the recent threat by a group to kill two Japanese a month in China from Aug. 15, Japanese officials in Beijing have said.

They said on Monday that Japanese businessmen in Beijing have been advised to send their families home and take precautions after the threat by the group

calling itself the "Glory through dare-to-die command."

The threats are believed to be an attempt to inflict economic damage on China in retaliation for the crackdown against the pro-democracy movement, the officials said.

Of some 3,000 Japanese diplomats, businessmen and their families resident in Beijing before June 4, only about 720 remain, officials said.

Japan is China's second biggest trading partner, after Hong Kong. It comes a distant third in investment after Hong Kong and the United States, but before June 4 it had been encouraging more investment there.

Japan investment in China doubled in the first half of 1988 to \$100 million from the same period in 1987.

## Dollar eases

Frankfurt bourse rebounds

LONDON, Aug. 16, (Reuters): The Frankfurt bourse today cut short a losing streak to end with a key index at a record high.

London shares also closed firmly after Wall Street held onto modest early gains. Earlier Tokyo chalked up a record finish.

The dollar eased a shade as investors awaited US merchandise trade data for June due out tomorrow.

The Frankfurt bourse rebounded from two days of decline because of strong demand for bluechip shares, led by carmaker Volkswagen AG, dealers said.

"We still see quite some potential for the (Frankfurt) market this year," said Alexander Magana, equities analyst for Banque Paribas capital markets in London.

"When people get back from their vacations they are going to see the gains and want to jump on the bandwagon," he added.

Share values surged 1.4 per cent during trading but profit-taking trimmed the day's gains to leave the 30-share DAX index 7.39 points or 0.5 per cent higher at 1,581.04. The DAX dates from the end of 1987 when it started with a base of 1,000.

A general shortage of stock helped to strengthen British share prices, and modest morning gains on Wall Street gave further support in late London trading.

"There's insufficient supply to meet a modest retail demand, so market makers had to push prices up in an attempt to flush out the sellers," one dealer said.

The Financial Times-Stock Exchange index of 100 leading shares closed 19.6 points higher at 2,345.8.

Light bargain-hunting in a scattering of issues on Wall Street, including auto company shares, lifted the Dow Jones industrial index by 5.88 points to stand at 2,693.66 by midday in New York.

Earlier in Tokyo, the world's largest stock market, the Nikkei Average closed above 35,000 points for the first time.

"It was a target, and I'm sure the achievement will be heralded in all the papers tomorrow, but the market will likely take another break now," said one foreign broker.

The Nikkei ended 273.46 points higher at 35,084.15.

In currency markets, the dollar slipped back half a pfennig after failing to break through a so-called "resistance" level at 1.95 West German marks, dealers said.

The market was barely ruffled by the release of US July statistics on housing starts and industrial output. Attention remained firmly focused on tomorrow's US June trade data.

Gold bullion firmed in light trade to close in London at \$368.45 an ounce after a previous finish of \$366.

## Sandinista seeks foreign investments

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Aug. 16, (AP): The Sandinista government said today it is embarking on a programme to attract foreign investments now that an agreement has been reached to disband the US-backed rebels.

In an interview with the Sandinista party newspaper Barricada, Jesus Castillo, director of foreign investment, said the government had begun a publicity campaign designed "to be an aggressive policy to attract foreign capital."

He said companies in other Latin American countries, the United States and various European countries had expressed interest.

Castillo said the campaign would emphasise the foreign-investment law enacted in November 1987, which allows total or partial repatriation of profits to other countries, depending on the industry.

Foreign capital also can form joint venture with Nicaragua's public or private sectors. The leftist government seeks foreign capital in several areas, particularly agriculture.

Castillo said 36 foreign companies operate in Nicaragua, among them Esso, Coca-Cola Co. and PepsiCo Inc. Esso, whose parent company is Exxon Corp., operates the country's only oil refinery.

A US economic embargo virtually ended the flow of investment capital from the United States and, with the rebel warfare, helped create hyperinflation and severe unemployment.

Inflation was estimated at 20,000 per cent last year, but by July the rate had slowed to 8.5 per cent a month. Official figures put the unemployment rate at 25 per cent of the 1 million-member labour force.

On Aug. 7, President Daniel Ortega and four other central American presidents agreed that the rebels, known as Contras, should be disbanded.

President Jose Azcona of Honduras said Monday he was convinced Nicaragua had established democratic conditions that would allow the Contras to return to their homeland. Most of the Contras are in bases in Honduras.

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## Lauda fights for his airline

VIENNA, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Nikolaus Lauda, three-time world motor racing champion turned airline boss, is not a man who gives up easily.

In 1976 he astounded the world by returning to the racing circuit less than six weeks after a fiery, near-fatal crash which left him permanently scarred.

Now, as boss of Lauda Air, he is continuing a long battle with state-controlled carrier Austrian Airlines (AUA) to cut their monopoly of long-distance flights from Vienna.

Provisional figures show that Lauda Air last year made an operating profit of \$380,000 with its fleet of two Boeing 737s and one 767s. That compares with AUA's net profit of \$8.7 million from its fleet of 25 aircraft.

After months of wrangling, Lauda in July won the right to fly to some African and Asian destinations - routes which are not served by AUA. But he says the fight will go on to secure a 10 per cent share in AUA.

"This is not a ceasefire," Lauda told Reuters in a recent interview. "I'm not giving up until we've got what is written in the law, which means we can fly as much as AUA can."

In theory, Lauda Air, which already flies to Sydney and Bangkok, can now add more than a dozen routes to its long-distance destinations.

But some of these include routes to such places as Macao, which does not even have an airport. And strife-torn Sri Lanka. More popular destinations such as Kenya, Egypt and South Africa are still flown exclusively by AUA.

According to Lauda, the problem is that AUA - until 1987 a wholly state-owned concern - has been wielding influence with the government to keep all competition out of the skies.

"This is not simply a battle for passengers, it's a principle that's at stake," Lauda said. "They do not want any other airline to fly and this is wrong."

A spokesman for Austria's Transport Ministry said it was obliged by law to give equal weight to all applications for flight concessions.

But although ministry officials have said there was no legal impediment to the July decision to grant Lauda a wider concession, the spokesman declined to say why the process had taken so long.

AUA strongly denies using political contacts to squeeze Lauda out of the market, but says the Austrian flight market simply isn't big enough for both companies.

It adds that Austria is already one of the smallest air markets in Europe and, unlike Switzerland, which has a large number of expatriate workers flying in and out regularly, only two per cent of the Austrian work force is employed abroad.

"In our opinion it is not necessary to have two airlines with full concessions in Austria," AUA spokesman Herbert Schwarz told Reuters.

A qualified pilot since the age of 24, Lauda often flies the planes himself and fans queue in the cockpit for autographs.

Indian rupees 18,040  
Sri Lankan rupees 8,990  
Pakistani rupees 14,290  
Bangladesh taka 9,170  
US dollar 29,665  
Pound sterling 4,727  
Deutsche mark 15,440  
UAE dirham 8,613  
Japanese yen 1,021.18

## American oil prices edge up in thin trade

NEW YORK, Aug. 16, (Agencies): Energy futures edged up here today in thin trading with industry analysts predicting that the market was looking for something to "shake it out of its lethargy."

"It was a little bit non-eventful - there was a lack of interest in the market either way," said Bob Murphy of Shearson Lehman Hutton's international energy desk in New York.

"Trade people are on the sidelines," the analyst said. "Sometimes there isn't much intelligent to say about a market. I think today was one of those days," Murphy said.

On the New York Mercantile Exchange, West Texas Intermediate - the benchmark US crude for September delivery - gained 10 cents to end the day at \$18.65 a barrel.

On the US Gulf Coast, where crude is bought and sold for cash, WTI was quoted at \$18.65 a barrel for 25 cents.

On the European market, Brent was quoted at \$17.12 a barrel, a loss of 5 cents.

The United Arab Emirates' Dubai Light - the key OPEC crude from the Middle East - gained 3 cents to \$15.01 a barrel.

On the Merc, unleaded gasoline declined 0.03 cent to set

tle at 52.06 cents a gallon. Home-heating oil ended the day at 50.28 cents a gallon, up 0.24 cent.

WTI traded 42.861 contracts on the Merc, substantially more than Monday's 25,838, but still less than half the Merc's 90,000 daily average.

"There was no volume - no participation," said Pete Simonelli of New York's Balfour Maclean Futures Inc.

Simonelli attributed the lack of trading interest partly to a long holiday weekend in Europe.

The European markets had provided a spur to the Merc last week when demand for West German demand for heating oil drove prices up there.

Even the weekly speculation on the statistical report of the American Petroleum Institute, which comes out after the Merc's closing, failed to provide any spark to Tuesday's market, the analyst said.

Imports for the first time in 12 years supplied more than half the United States' demand for petroleum in July as production from Alaska's aging fields slowed, the American Petroleum Institute reported today.

The oil industry group in its monthly statistical survey reported total imports of crude oil and refined products averaged 8.5 million barrels a day, or 50.4 per

cent of all US deliveries. The only other time imports supplied more than half US needs was 1977, when foreign oil exceeded the 50 per cent mark three times - in the months of March, May and July.

Alaska contributed 234,000 barrels to the total 574,000 barrels-a-day total year-to-year July decline, the API said, although half of the state's drop was a temporary cutback due to maintenance work.

Imports declined in the early 1980s as production from Alaska oilfields grew and were only 31.5 per cent of total usage in 1985 when they averaged 4.9 million barrels a day. But, in the last year, production from Alaska's aging fields began to slow.

Increases in consumption have previously accounted for two-thirds of imports growth, the monthly report said.

"This year, consumption growth has slowed, but the reversal of Alaskan production's previous upward trend has (made) us declining production the largest contributor to this year's increasing imports," it said.

"We estimate that actual (consumption) in July was growing at a rate of about 1 to 1.5 per cent," and less than 1 per cent for the first six months, the report

added. An analyst with a major US oil company has estimated that 1989 gasoline demand has been running slightly below that of 1988, largely because of the higher prices resulting from a production lid imposed by the 13-nation Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

July's above-average buildup in inventories also contributed to the import rise, the API said.

Inventories rose 21 million barrels in July, about twice the average of the previous five years, the report said.

The industry group has warned repeatedly about the decline of domestic production from emptying US wells and the need to explore for oil in new areas such as offshore fields and Alaska's Arctic national wildlife refuge opposed by environmentalists.

API said the highest year-long percentage for imports was 47.7 per cent in 1977. For the first seven months of 1989, imports averaged 46.2 per cent, it said.

In July, domestic wells pumped 7.466 million barrels of crude a day, 7.1 per cent less than in July 1988, the API report said.

The daily average for the first seven months of 1989 was 7.7 million barrels, 6.4 per cent less than last year, it said.

## Regulators agree on global rules

Bid to harmonise securities trading

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The new rules would harmonise capital requirements for securities brokers, auditing standards and regulations for multinational stock offerings, Cristel said by telephone from Montreal.

Representatives of securities regulators from the United States, Japan, Britain, France, Italy, West Germany and Canada have negotiated the changes, which will be submitted to the meeting for public comment, he said. The meeting is scheduled for next month in Venice.

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## New sales tax comes under fire

OTTAWA, Aug. 16, (KUNA): There's a new twist to the government's proposed new federal sales tax which takes effect Jan. 1, 1991.

The revelation by Finance Minister Michael Wilson that the new tax will bring about a drop in food prices startled members of parliament yesterday.

The controversial tax, introduced by the conservative government of Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, has come under fire from members of the opposition. The proposed tax will be slapped on everything that Canadians buy, from new homes and clothing to services such as plumbing.

Yesterday, amid a public outcry, the finance minister tried to convince Canadians that food-store prices will fall, because of the abolition of an existing federal sales tax.

No precise numbers were given to comfort Canadians, except a vague two per cent savings.

Opposition MP's demanded to know why the finance minister had not mentioned this reduction before when he was trying to sell the idea of the tax to Canadians.

The new 9 per cent tax is to replace the manufacturers tax of 13.5 per cent on items such as automobiles, appliances and other major manufactured goods.

The new tax will provide the government with an extra \$5.4 billion in revenue each year. Some of it will be used to compensate lower income families who will get a rebate.

But critics charge the tax is unfair and not needed. Meanwhile, the government which enjoys a majority in parliament is determined to go ahead with the proposed tax.

ABU DHABI, Aug. 16, (KUNA): The United Arab Emirates Central Bank has commissioned a study on the feasibility of setting up a stock market in the country, the Emirates news reported today.



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## Manila, banks reach accord on debt package

NEW YORK, Aug. 16. (Reuters): The Philippine government and its major bank creditors said today they have substantially agreed on a financing package that would provide the country with new loans and reduced debt.

The agreement, reached after a week of negotiations, is the second since US Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady's debt reduction plan was unveiled in March. A Mexican agreement was announced last month.

The bank committee represents creditors that are owed nearly half the Philippines' total debt of \$28 billion.

Because the banks involved are not obliged to participate, it was not possible to determine the deal's exact value.

Bankers had said today that the overall package would likely be worth slightly less than the \$1.7 billion the Philippines requested when the negotiations began on August 8.

In a press release, the Philippine government and its bank advisory committee, headed by Manufacturers Hanover, said the talks have focused on the Philippines' intention to pursue its programme in line with Brady's plan, which includes debt reduction and access to new financing.

"Our objectives in this exercise were candidly expressed to the banks at the outset of the talks," said Philippine Central Bank Governor Jose Fernandez.

Bankers involved in the negotiations said the financing package is devised of a debt buyback plan that allows banks to end their lending to the country or new loan options. The banks can choose which course to take.

"The options of best reduction and new lending are really directed at two different categories of banks — those that wish to exit from the process as opposed to those that have determined to maintain their

credit relationship in the country," said David Pflug, senior vice president at Manufacturers Hanover Trust Co.

"There is no question that we must reduce the country's existing stock of commercial bank debt if we are to sustain the country's economic growth over the longer term," Fernandez said.

He added that "new commercial bank financing is critical for our programme as the combined effect of our debt reduction initiatives and our improving economy work to bring about the end of the debt problem for the Philippines."

## Fed may not cut interest rates

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16.

(Agencies): The Federal Reserve isn't likely to lower interest rates any time soon to boost economic growth, despite a pointed warning of recession from President George Bush's budget director, many economists say.

Analysts predicted today that interest rates will hold steady because the Central Bank is satisfied it has done all it needs to keep the country out of an economic slump.

Those economists suggested that comments by budget director Richard Darman might actually backfire and make the nation's Central Bank less inclined to ease credit conditions for fear of appearing to bow to political pressure.

Darman complained that the Central Bank was keeping interest rates too high and would shoulder the blame if the country falls into a recession.

"If we do have a recession, I think it will be because they erred on the side of caution" in fighting inflation by keeping interest rates too high, Darman said Sunday on NBC-TV's "Meet the Press" programme.

The White House tried to soften the sting from Darman's message by praising the Fed on Monday for generally doing a "good job" but Bush yesterday generally endorsed the comments during a morning press conference.

Bush praised Darman for expressing his views, which he called "very balanced."

"I feel very comfortable with his (Darman's) sailing forth," Bush said. "I think I have said the same things in the past."

Bush said he did not know of any President who had ever come out against lower interest rates, but he stopped short of saying that he believed that if a recession did occur, it would be the fault of the Central Bank.

Private economists were surprised by the timing of Darman's criticism, given recent economic statistics such as a drop in the jobless rate in August that suggest the economy isn't as sluggish as previously feared.

"There is virtually no chance that we will have a recession this year. So why stir up this fuss and get financial markets unsettled when you don't have to?" asked Michael Evans, head of a Washington forecasting company.

But other economists said they believed Darman was positioning the Fed to take the blame if the economy does weaken and the country ends up in a recession right before next year's congressional elections.

The US economy is forecast to grow 1.0 per cent in the latter half of 1989 because of stagnant personal consumption and housing investment, while economies in most European countries will grow at a potential rate of 2.5 per cent in 1990, a Japanese commercial bank forecast today.

The bank also said East Asian countries, including South Korea, Taiwan and China, cannot expect a high economic growth of 1986-88 because of difficulties in expanding exports to Western countries.

The monthly analytical report by the long-term Credit Bank said, however, that in the first half of 1990, the US economic growth rate will return to 2.0 per cent as demand for durable goods will bottom and personal consumption will show signs of recovery.

US exports will begin to increase again with gradual correction of the dollar's advance, the report said.

In European countries, except for West Germany, the growth rate of personal consumption will gradually decline in 1990 under the influence of high interest rates. The growth in investment will also decelerate and containing inflation will continue to be an important policy goal since labour supply and demand are becoming tighter, the report said.

In West Germany, it said, income tax cuts, scheduled in 1990, is expected to counter the deceleration of its economic growth.

## Civil aviation team for Moscow

# Iran likely to buy Soviet airliners

NICOSIA, Cyprus, Aug. 16.

(Agencies): An Iranian civil aviation delegation will visit Moscow to explore the possible purchase of commercial airliners from the Soviet Union, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported today.

Quoting a report in the English-language Tehran Times, IRNA said that the Iranian delegation will leave for Moscow tomorrow.

The agency, monitored in Nicosia, quoted an unidentified source as telling the newspaper that "avenues for closer cooperation between Iran and the Soviet Union in the aviation field will be explored... (and) there is a possibility that Iran may purchase some facilities including passenger planes."

IRNA had earlier quoted Iranian civil aviation sources as saying that Iran has been in the market for new jetliners, and that the European Airbus was among aircraft being considered.

Iran Air, Iran's national airline, has a fleet of 23 aging Boeing and Airbus jetliners. Another domestic airline, Aseman, has three Dutch-built Fokker aircraft, plus a few Cessnas.

The Soviet Union and Iran have become close trade partners in recent months.

Following the August 1988 ceasefire in the 8-year Gulf war, the Soviets have been helping Iran rebuild many war-battered industrial complexes and to upgrade other facilities.

In another development a Soviet official said yesterday the new Soviet plan to convert defence industry will help civilian products to account for 46 per cent of the total production by the different branches of the defence sector in the country by the next year.

Igor Belousov, deputy chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers and chairman of the Council of Ministers' State Commission for Defence Industry Affairs, said in a statement to Tass news agency that "in 1991 the volume of the delivery of weapons and military hardware is to be reduced by 19.5 per cent compared to the 1988 level."

He went on to say that "already this year the production of military hardware will account for 95.5 of the 1988 level," whereas, "headed" the output of civilian products will grow by 8.9 per cent.

Belousov further added that "production facilities and scientific and technological potential being released during the conversion is to be concentrated on boosting the output and raising the quality of equipment for the agro-industrial sector and the light industry, consumer goods, computing and medical equipment, means of communications and civilian planes and ships."

Soviet authorities have untied some of the red tape binding state-owned companies with a new law published yesterday.

The firms have won a measure of freedom from central planning and can secede from the ministries directing them. The government is barred from taking all their production.

The amended law on state enterprises, published in the Communist Party daily Pravda, also guarantees their right to trade with foreign firms and specifies that this includes companies in "capitalist" countries.

The changes were passed by parliament last week after proposals by Leonid Abalkin, a progressive economist who says the planning system needs radical change to allow

individual initiative and flexibility.

"At last, some of the more innovative and constructive ideas are being given a chance," said a Western diplomat.

He said the Kremlin had apparently concluded that the original law on state enterprise of January 1988 did not go far enough in releasing industry from bureaucratic control.

Several reforms to Soviet industry have been introduced since Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev came to power in 1985 and began trying to lead the country out of the economic doldrums.

The 1988 law allowed firms to decide how many people to hire and how much to pay them — and to go bankrupt. A decree last year gave companies the right to issue shares.

Private businesses, first allowed in 1986, have burgeoned and Tass news agency said in May there were 77,500.

Reforms affecting agriculture were also announced this week under which farmers will be partly paid in hard currency in an attempt to increase production and slash imports.

## US industrial production up

### Factory use rate unchanged

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (AP): US industrial production rose a moderate 0.2 per cent in July, but the factory operating rate remained flat, the Federal Reserve Board said today in a report that indicated further easing of inflationary pressures.

Factory use held steady at 83.6 per cent last month after declining 0.3 percentage point in June, the central bank said. The rate hit a 10-year high of 84.3 per cent last December. Last month's operating rate was down from 83.7 per cent a year earlier.

The closer US industry gets to full operating capacity, the greater difficulty it has producing enough to meet demand, leading to shortages and price increases. Analysts generally consider an operating rate of 85 per cent or above as an indication of inflationary pressures.

The central bank has been straddling a fine line of keeping interest rates high enough to cool inflationary pressures without slowing growth so much that the economy slides into a recession. It began letting rates drop in June as inflation seemed to lessen.

The Federal Reserve said its industrial production index in July stood at 141.7 per cent of its 1977 base, up from 141.4 per cent in June.

The 0.2 per cent increase last month came after a revised 0.1 per cent decline in June. That was the first downturn since the index fell 0.2 per cent in February, which had been the first drop in a year.

But the Fed said the July gain mainly reflected a

rebound in the output of raw materials and continued strength in business equipment and trucking autos.

"In contrast, automobile and truck production fell sharply, and output of construction supplies, on balance, remained weak," it said.

Production at manufacturing plants making both durable and non-durable goods rose 0.2 per cent. Output was up 0.3 per cent at mines and oil wells and 0.8 per cent at utilities.

The US Agriculture Department has allocated \$200 million to 46 organisations under the targeted export assistance programme for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

Under the programme, various trade associations get funds to carry out overseas promotion of designated agricultural products. The programme is aimed at countering or offsetting adverse effects of unfair foreign trade practices on US exports.

In most cases, the sponsoring organisations put up some of their own money in carrying out specific projects.

The \$200 million announced yesterday by Agriculture Department is the same as for the current fiscal year, a level set by Congress in 1989 appropriations legislation.

Officials said the 1990 allocations will be finalised after Congress completes work on next year's appropriations bill.

### Move to replace leaded gasoline

## ARCO to unveil new fuel

EL MONTE, California, Aug. 16. (AP): Atlantic Richfield Co. has announced it will produce a new lead-free gasoline that could cut polluting emissions by up to 15 per cent in older cars and trucks that now use leaded fuel.

The gasoline will go on sale by September in southern California, which is under a federal order to clean up its air, and ARCO is working on another blend that will be sold elsewhere in the west, the company said yesterday.

ARCO, which markets gasoline in California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona and Nevada, said the gasoline was formulated to reduce emissions from the worst-polluting vehicles — cars made before 1975 and trucks built before 1980.

The new fuel was introduced in conjunction with a hearing of the state Air Resources Board, which yesterday announced a far-reaching plan to clear the polluted skies of southern California to meet federal standards by the year 2007.

"What we hope to demonstrate today is that we can clean up gasoline," said Ludwig M. Cook, ARCO chairman and chief executive officer.

ARCO and regional air quality officials estimate that about 1.2 million older vehicles are still being driven in southern California, if all used the new fuel, it would reduce total pollution from those cars and trucks by 20 per cent, Cook said.

That estimate, however, includes other factors, such as similar reductions in emissions by tractors, trailers, boats and other off-road vehicles that usually use regular leaded fuel, said Al Greenstein, an ARCO spokesman.

Greenstein said the reduction from cars and trucks that use leaded gasoline could be 10 to 15 per cent.

The fuel, which is called EC-1, for Emission Control-1, was formulated to eliminate the lead, which boosts a gasoline's octane to the high levels needed in older vehicles.

## Five major Chinese companies fined for illegal activities

BEIJING, Aug. 16. (AP): China's government has ordered five state-owned companies, including one linked to senior leader Deng Xiaoping's son, to pay millions of dollars in fines for illegal activities including profiteering and tax evasion, official reports said today.

It was the latest move in a government campaign launched this summer following charges of rampant abuse of official privilege — a rallying cry of the seven-week pro-democracy movement crushed by the military on June 3-4.

Also today, major Chinese newspapers urged state employees engaged in embezzling, bribery and speculation to turn themselves in.

Those who surrender before Oct 31 will

receive lighter sentences, according to an anti-corruption plan adopted by the Chinese Communist Party Politburo.

After a 10-month audit, the state auditing administration ordered the five companies to pay a total of \$1.3 million yuan (\$13.8 million) in back taxes, penalties and restitution of illegally earned profits. Auditor-General Lu Peijian said in a report to the State Council, China's cabinet.

Among the audited companies were two conglomerates shut down by the Politburo last month as part of its anti-corruption drive — the Kanghua Development Corp., linked to Deng's son, and the China Incom (Industry, commerce and economy) Development Corp., the official Xin-

hua news agency said. The report also was carried on the nationally televised evening news.

Kanghua was formed under the auspices of Deng Pufang's China Welfare Fund for the handicapped and developed into one of China's largest foreign trade firms.

The other audited companies were the China International Trust and Investment Corp., the nation's leading company for attracting foreign investment; the Everbright Industrial Co., which has subsidiaries in Hong Kong; and the China Rural Trust and Investment Corp.

Xinhua said the five companies and 52 of their branches were audited, and local auditing organs were investigating 22

other branches. Foreign branches of Citic, Kanghua and Everbright, were not audited.

Lu said those responsible for the illegal activities would be punished, Xinhua reported. The report did not name any individuals.

Lu also said all state-run industries will be subject to regular auditing and supervision from now on.

Xinhua said four of the five companies were involved in unauthorised foreign currency trading. The audit also found the companies involved in business outside their assigned fields. For instance, Citic subsidiaries earned 1.54 million yuan (\$414,000) when they got into the car business.



A woman browses at a stand offering a selection of imported electronic products on a central street in Mexico City. These products are imported illegally and escape taxes. (Reuters wirephoto)

## At least 10m Mexicans work underground

## Economy thrives in crisis

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 16. (Reuters): Every day tens of thousands of Mexicans report to work at jobs that do not officially exist.

With no work permits and no fees other than an occasional under-the-table payoff, they make up the swelling ranks of Mexico's underground economy.

"Why should I tell the government what I'm doing or how much I'm earning?" says Martin Gomez, a street vendor. "I'm hardly making enough to live, and you think I'm going to pay taxes?"

Gomez speaks for thousands of Mexicans weathering the worst economic crisis in decades through work that goes unregistered on government employment records and untaxed.

Private sector analysts estimate that at least 10 million Mexicans, or 30 per cent of the employable population, work underground. They produce an equivalent of about one-third the country's gross product, according to a study by the Centre for Economic Studies of the Private Sector.

These "phantom" labourers occupy every corner of the work sector. They run restaurants, drive taxis and are the backbone of Mexico's open-air markets.

They turn out foods and textiles in clandestine factories and sell illegally imported merchandise on the streets.

"In Mexico there has been little incentive to play by the rules," said Oscar Vera, author of several reports on the underground economy. "Since the danger of being caught has always been very low, people say, 'why bother? We'll wait until the inspector comes.'"

In Mexico City the underground economy is fuelled by a constant flow of migrants from small towns as well as by the recession, which has led many to hold two jobs.

Those who cannot find jobs simply invent them. Children with painted faces juggle oranges, musicians strum guitars and fire eaters blow flames — all dependent on the generosity and spare change of motorists caught in traffic jams.

Many unregistered vendors and small business owners operate openly, sometimes protected by "mordidas" or bribes paid to officials who allow them to stay in business.

Those without such arrangements face heavy repercussions. They merely move around more often or operate more discreetly.

Unregistered cafes and food stands run by families out of their homes often open only for one

meal, turning chameleon-like into anonymous dwellings or vacant sheds when the last customer leaves.

A study by the city's Chamber of Commerce estimated there are 14,000 unregistered food stands in the capital alone.

The underground also thrives in "tianguis" — open air markets. The capital alone has more than 800 such markets, including Tepito, a sprawling market that boasts anything from stereos to caviar, illegally imported at cut-rate prices.

"They say if you can't find what you want on the streets or in tianguis, it doesn't exist," says Tomas Martinez, who sells flowers at a city centre park.

The city's estimated 100,000 booths and stands give Mexicans little need to shop at "legal" stores, which often sell their goods at higher prices to pay the taxes and fees the underground evades.

Street vendors and unregistered stalls are a familiar sight in the city. A year in most tax and the government has undertaken what it calls an "aggressive" campaign to put more of these illicit earnings on the books.

In the past two years a battery of auditors has been hired and crackdowns on vendors increased.

## Call to protect tropical forests

### Industrial world must help

JAKARTA, July 16. (Reuters): The destruction of the world's tropical forests is the result of poverty in developing countries and it is up to the industrial world to help. Indonesian President Suharto said today.

In a wide-ranging speech to the nation marking 44 years of independence, he said: "The main factor that destroys the tropical forests in developing countries is their economic backwardness which leads to low living standards."

Indonesia, a vast archipelago stretching more than 3,000 miles (4,800 km), is home to one of the world's largest tropical rain forests. About half the world's rain forests are in Indonesia, Brazil and Zaire.

At least 500,000 hectares (1.2 million acres) of Indonesia's forests are destroyed every year mainly through timber concessions and slash-and-burn farming.

"In order to avert the environmental we urge advanced countries to jointly set the wheels of development in motion in the developing countries," Suharto said in his nationally broadcast speech in parliament.

Indonesia sets aside \$300 million a year to replant its forests, which Suharto called the "lungs of the world."

It was the developed world, he said, which posed the greatest threat to the world's environment through its industrialisation and consumption.

## 'Trade deficit should shrink'

WASHINGTON, Aug. 16. (Reuters): The US trade gap should fall in June from May's surprisingly large deficit of \$10.2 billion, in part because of a smaller bill for imported oil, analysts said today.

The Commerce Department is to announce the June trade figures on Thursday. The report is closely watched by world financial and currency markets.

Howard Lewis, an economist at the National Association of Manufacturers, said a continuation of that trend would spell real trouble.

"That's a disturbing development," Lewis said of May's drop in exports and rise in imports.

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## Hissing start for snake stars

## Serpentine contest

By Firoze Rangoonwalla

ONCE again, snakes are rearing their heads on the Hindi screen, with the help of snake-charmers. And the producers are hoping that this will bring a windfall, as the fascinating, wriggling creatures may achieve what nobody else has. There was almost a snake-race between *Nigahen* and *Sheshnaag* i.e. between Sri Devi and Rekha, who are playing heroines or, rather snakes in the two films. Now *Nigahen* has won by getting ready first.

Harmesh Malhotra's *Nigahen* takes off from where *Nagina* ended. The super hit called for a second part. So here, Sri Devi's parents (meaning Sri and Rishi Kapoor from the first film) have died in a car accident. She comes to stay with her grandpa (Pran) in a huge mansion. Then a snake pair lures her to the ruins of an ancestral "haveli", where she sees a rare *Mani* (gem). This was the one which Amrish Puri was after in *Nagina*.

Now, it is his disciple Anupam Kher who is perfecting the Tantrik arts to grab it. For this he has kidnapped her Sunny and kept him in a snake form. In his hermitage. He also worships a big statue of Amrish, adorned with jewels, but with one gap left for the mythical *Mani*. On realising that Sri has found its secret, he brings Sunny back to human form, so that he may win the girl's love and get the gem.

As expected, Sunny falls too deeply in love to play such tricks. Anupam is mad with rage but he has to face the magical powers of Sri Devi, granted by the two cobras, who also body-guarded mother Sri Devi in the first film. Anyway he does succeed in turning Sunny back into a snake and capturing him. Even Sri is kidnapped, while the hero is fighting for his own freedom. The film goes up to a thrilling climax, of snakes versus men.

Harmesh has also added some new attractions, like a snake and mongoose fight and a clash of spirits between heroine and villain. There are some hark-backs to the first film, like glimpses of it shown along with the credit titles of the new film, like a memory refresher. And many scenes refer directly to the story of *Nagina*. The comic character of Jagdeep as munshi is also common, though there was no grandfather in the earlier film. The two black snakes protecting the *Mani* are the same. Music and lyrics are again by Laxmi - Pyare and Anand Basi, even if the "catch" is not the same.

If we see closely *Nigahen* appears to be a male version of *Nagina* like *Sita Aur Geeta* done from *Ram Aur Shyam*. Here, everything is in reverse. Instead of the hero, (Rishi), coming to his grandma in the big mansion and being lured by the snakes to the old ruins, it is the heroine doing it. There, the woman was taking the snake's form, here the man has to do it. There the mystery woman loved and married the rich heir; here the man does. The similarity is that the girl protects her lover here also and Sunny definitely plays second fiddle to Sri Devi. But Harmesh is already talking of a third part. The end of *Nigahen* shows Sri keeping back her mysterious powers and not becoming a normal human, for another sequel.

The film maker confidently says: "So many routine themes were seen to flop. The supernatural is one aspect that can give something different to our audience, which already has faith and belief in the mystical. Moreover, novelty always has an edge above the rest. It may look far-fetched and unconvincing. But then it is fantasy. It is the cinema's magic that makes it look real and gripping. So *Nigahen* is bound to appeal." In all this drum-beating over Sri Devi's film, the other snake saga *Sheshnaag*, with Rekha aided by Rishi Kapoor, Jeetendra, Madhvi, Mandakini, Danny and Anupam Kher, has gone into the shade for time being. It has two female snakes, with wriggle dancing to and a different story line of a village girl drawn unwillingly into the snake kingdom.



Rekha in Sheshnaag

## Anil Kapoor smug?

Q. As the big box-office star of 1988-89, what do you feel... smugness, satisfaction?

A. Insecurity. I am all the more careful. If my coming films fail, it will be a shock and leave a guilt feeling in me. I will never forgive myself for not doing my best.

Q. Do you make a difference between big producers who can pay more and small ones who cannot afford?

A. My experience says that it is the big producer who does not pay you. The small ones pay in time. Big ones also give you less because of their reputation, banner and goodwill.

Q. Then do you give preference to small talented film makers by way of more dates and less payment?

A. Where dates are concerned, everybody gets equal treatment. But I do charge less money. In fact, I am signing one or two more, small but unusual, films like *Eeshwar*.

Q. Do affairs and gossip help a star?

A. Success and media blaze go together. You must give them something to talk about. Along with good acting, such a boost might be a double help. But within limits. It may help a new star. Later only your work counts.

Q. What do you think of star politicians?

A. I appreciate what Sunil Dutt and Amitabh are trying to do. They already had so much money and power. So they won't crave for more. And what is wrong with it? Everyone wants some incentive. It may be power and status.

Q. The media are calling you No. 1. What do you say?

A. They have this bad habit. They put you in a tight corner. For them it is only a good write-up. But for us it becomes very embarrassing and difficult.

Q. It reflects what people expect.

A. Yes, but their expectations may go too high. Then comes the downfall. Anyway we can't stop anybody from expecting.

Q. So what is your present attitude?

A. To appear in as few films as possible but remain in the news all the year round.

Q. You hope on which coming films?

A. *Parinda* and my home production *Roop Ki Rani Choron Ka Raja*.



## Behind the Screen

A TV company was lucky to get star models, like Sri Devi, Jaya Prada, Madhuri, Meenakshi, etc. not by money but by flattery, treating them as "star performer". "No. 1," "unmatched" etc. in the press ads. If one star objected, they would say the words apply not to the other star but to their TV set.

Sonu Walia thinks she has been "negated and vamped" by producers. She wants roles like that of Zeenat in "Hare Rama," or Madhuri in "Tezaab". But does she have the looks or the ability? Isn't she better off as a vamp?

Ghai himself couldn't start his *Saudagar* to soon, first because Dilip was under medical treatment and then Raj Kumar was reported to have throat cancer. Reports remained mixed about Raj Kumar's actual ailment. But producers whom the actor had ditched badly say that it is all due to their combined curses.

Top actresses becoming producers always look for finance and they sometimes find it in the penthouses of industrialists and their friends. It's a case of money or morals.

## Star slips

Mithun: I have changed the colour of the industry. Today if black is beautiful, it is because of Mithun.

Pooja Bedi: I can't cook for nuts. I can't even boil water.

Taboo: One's teens are the best phase of one's life. My message to all the teenagers of the world... enjoy the age while you still can.

Madhuri Dixit: I used to be a fan of Vinod Khanna. But during *Dayawani* I was very disappoint-

ed. He is actually a male version of me... withdrawn and silent.

Prakash Mehra: Our stars are not hard-working. They are only interested in making a fast buck. I handed two air-tickets for Ooty outdoors to Aadiya Pancholi. But he did not come there nor showed the courtesy of sending a message.

Rakesh Roshan: I am still an actor at heart. Since I am a producer/director I may promote this chap.

## Of trite plots and elephants

By Fathima Ahmed

Arab Times staff

WILL he survive or won't he? This was the question that most film buffs asked about Indian superstar Amitabh Bachchan after Manmohan Desai's *Ganga, Jamuna, Saraswati* bombed at the box office. Amitabh has just about managed to float.

*Toofan*, despite its wishy-washy theme, display's Amitabh's versatility, particularly his flair for comedy. This, one could say, is the only virtue of Manmohan Desai's *Toofan* (Storm) released on video last week.

In Kuwait, it is customary for video shops to sell an Amitabh starrer for the first few weeks, followed by rental. When *Shahenshah* and *Mard* were released, copies sold at K.D.S. *Toofan* fetched a mere K.D. 500, the normal price.

Clever make-up covers Amitabh's wrinkles, if any. Only close-ups belie the actor's age. He is in form, and in a comic mood.

As far as the narrative is concerned, it raises but a tiny storm in a tea cup. But if you single out Amitabh's role as Shyamji Jadugar, it boils down to a rather entertaining evening.

*Toofan*'s theme, in brief, is: laughter, romance, revenge and live-happily-ever-after; fantasy and adventure are an added bonus.

Cinematic quality is non-existent, resembling a conveyor-belt pot-boiler made by the dozen in Bombay. Lavish sets, garish costumes, emotional conflict and religious zeal spice the formula, completing the circle of good vs evil with avengers, robbers and

frameups. Amitabh's versatility sustains interest; Meenakshi Seshadri and Amrita Singh appear only four or five times on the screen, to sing and dance with the hero.

The Indian film industry must be concerned about the spread of television and video. Kalyanji-Anandji make Amitabh sing to their tune, urging viewers to switch off videos and go to the cinema.

*Toofan* is for the young-at-heart viewers, those who would like to put aside daily stress and unwind. Expecting class can lead to disastrous results: like jumping into the Arabian Sea. As Amitabh Bachchan sings in *Toofan*: "Don't worry, be happy... no problem!" Or better still, dance to the tune of Amitabh's rendition of Ek, do teen...

**Love, Love and Love**  
Romance is the theme of almost every Hindi movie. No wonder, then, that script-writers have run out of ideas.

*Bobby* or *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak* are once in a decade movies. B. Subhash's futile attempt to revive the magic of romance is apparent in *Love, Love, Love*.

Aamir Khan and Juhi Chawla, who catapulted to fame with *Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak*, act their roles like dolls on a puppet string. Aamir and Juhi are no Romeo and Juliet. Dancing to Bappi's plagiarised tunes, they predictably end up in each other's arms: romance punctuated with the unwelcome attention of the bad guy - Vicky (Gulshan Grover). Original isn't it?

There is a minor variation: the romance's don't elope to the jungles: they are hounded by the bad guys in the concrete jungle. The formula doesn't work.

Diagnosis: love infection.  
Prognosis: avoid *Love, Love, Love*.  
Alternative: *Dost*.

**Dost**  
You'll love the friendly animals - Ram (elephant) and Bansi (the monkey). Their adorable (film) antics are much more enjoyable than Mithun and Amala's romance in *Dost* and the subsequent estrangement.

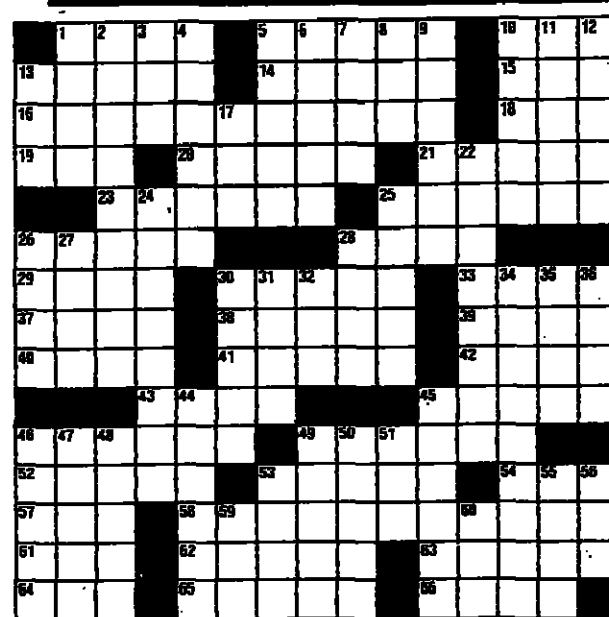
"Animals are more loyal than humans," observes one character. True. Animals are also more entertaining than the humans in *Dost*.

In recent months, themes tend to be hashed, rehearsed and re-rehashed for our benefits. Script-writers have run out of words; dialogue is repetitive with actors repeating lines from their previous films. "Now, like Gabbar Singh (of *Sholay* fame) said," roars Amjad Khan, the villain of the piece, supported by Kiran Kumar, as he frets and fumes about the Forest Officer Mithun's honest-to-duty approach.

Inane revenge tactics like feeding poisoned food to Ram-the-Elephant result in marital discord. Redemption comes in the shape of the elephant repenting his frenzied attack on his master!

The above movies are by courtesy of Athari Video, Main St., Farwaniya, Tel: 471-2900; and Falcon Video, Abbasiya.

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Ready for sleep
  - Lukewarm
  - Director's command
  - Northern home
  - Christmas cookie flavoring
  - Malachite, for one
  - Subatomic change
  - Comment from Fido
  - Dry, as wine
  - Compositions for three
  - Granny Smith
  - 23 Eagerly
  - 25 Fret
  - 26 Gardener's pane
  - 28 Wanderer of tennis
  - 29 Promptly
  - 30 Shakespeare's Kate
  - 33 — fact
  - 37 — Well That Ends Well
  - 38 Particle with charm
  - 39 Muscle
  - 40 Plith or Pindar
  - 41 Prasses
  - 42 Strike-out artist
  - 43 Malicious
  - 45 Puts in the mail
  - 46 Related
- DOWN**
- Chill
  - Invisible cosmic object
  - A dog's age
  - 4 Sprinkled
  - 5 A language of Sri Lanka
  - 6 Relish
  - 7 Papal name
  - 8 Doctrine
  - 9 Leave
  - 10 Nutria
  - 11 Mount Telpos' range
  - 12 Early American home
  - 13 PhDs need high ones
  - 14 Coffee maker
  - 17 Antielectron
  - 24 Relatively famous Albert?
  - 25 Rubbernecks
  - 26 On the dbl.
  - 27 Shirt or coat
  - 28 Nothing more than
  - 30 Creature with ten arms
  - 31 Throw
  - 32 Scott Joplin composition
  - 34 Occupation of 24 Down
  - 35 Do an usher's job
  - 36 Has
  - 44 The Titanic, for example
  - 45 Part of a flower
  - 46 Jackson's "Bad"
  - 47 Charter
  - 48 Kind of cake
  - 49 Honkers
  - 50 Like some seals
  - 51 — Miniver
  - 53 Duration
  - 55 Snick-a—
  - 56 FBI man
  - 59 Swiss canton
  - 60 Biol. class topic

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

TOO EASY TO MAKE

Both vulnerable. North deals.

**NORTH**  
 ♠ A J 6  
 ♥ K 8 7  
 ♦ K 8 5  
 ♣ Q 7 4 2

**WEST**  
 ♠ Q 9 4 2  
 ♥ 6  
 ♦ J 10 9 3  
 ♣ A K 8 6

**EAST**  
 ♠ K 10 8 7  
 ♥ 9 5 3  
 ♦ Q 4  
 ♣ J 10 9 3

**SOUTH**  
 ♠ 5 3  
 ♥ A Q J 10 4 2  
 ♦ A 7 6 2  
 ♣ 5

The bidding:  
 North 1 ♣ Pass  
 East 1 NT Pass  
 South 4 ♣ Pass  
 West 4 ♣ Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠. How often do you see an infidel make a spectacular play and then, a few ground balls later, miff a simple effort? It was so easy that he took his eye off the ball. The same thing happens at the bridge table.

The bidding was routine, although we would be the first to admit a rebid of three no trump by South has certain appeal. At rubber bridge, however, the possession of 100 honors would sway us to four hearts.

On the opening lead of the king of clubs, East started an echo with the jack to show a four-card hold-

ing in the suit. West shifted to the jack of diamonds, and declarer wasted no time in going down. He won in hand, drew three rounds of trumps and then continued with a diamond to the king and another. When that suit split 4-2, the most likely distribution, declarer ended up losing two diamonds and a trick in each black suit—down one.

Had declarer paused to count the available tricks off the top, he would have realized there were only nine—six trumps, a spade and two diamonds. The simplest way to produce a 10th was to ruff a diamond in dummy.

Therefore, declarer could not afford to draw more than one round of trumps, and that with a high trump in hand. Next, South should cash the remaining high diamond and exit with a diamond. No matter what the defenders do, declarer can win any return, if necessary come to hand with a club ruff or a high trump, and then ruff a diamond with the king of trumps for the fulfilling trick.

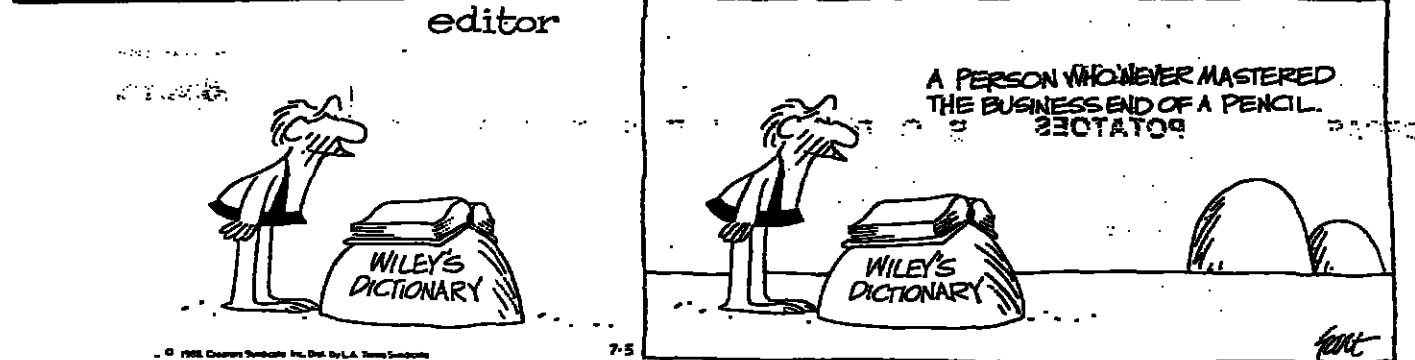


## ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE

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 BRIO ERICA ONCE  
 JRRYOLKIEN LEAP  
 AYES REF FRO  
 EBSSEN WEBBUBOIS  
 PROTOCOL LEONE  
 HAL NORMAL ETAS  
 JERSTUART  
 RADE SERGIO JOE  
 ERATIO EUROPEAN  
 JMWTURNER KRAFT  
 OED TAO SIOM  
 INTIA JIMSTEWART  
 CIEL ISERE LION  
 EARS VENOM SPOT

## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



## B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS



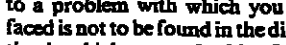
Aries (March 20 - April 18)

You should not try to do more than one thing at a time. Do not be cruel to your partner. The solution to a problem with which you are faced is not to be found in the direction in which you are looking for it. Be relevant.



Cancer (June 21 - July 21)

Something you had thought would not any longer give good results will all of a sudden come into its own. Give your partner something that he longs for. Show just a little more goodwill towards others. Be tactful.



Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22)

Someone will have a good idea: one of yours that he has appropriated. Never mind, treat it as a compliment. You will be able to do something to boost your partner's ego. Be prompt.



Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan 19)

You should beware of letting the cat out of the bag. Your lucky numbers are 22 and 42. A letter you have been expecting will not carry the good news you had hoped for. Take better care of your health. Be sensible.



Taurus (April 19 - May 19)

Avoid having too many late nights in succession. Choose a form of exercise you can maintain without straining yourself. Do not expect to get without giving. Be considerate.



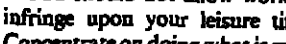
Leo (July 22 - Aug. 21)

You should not treat others as though they were all your inferiors. You should have a little more faith in yourself. And you should give your partner no cause to doubt your love. Be moderate.



Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21)

You will be able to do more by means of charm and persuasion than you could ever have done by force. You must beware of giving cause for jealousy. And do not allow your attentions to stray. Be less vindictive.



Aquarius (Jan. 20 - Feb. 18)

You are too liable to act on impulse and should restrain yourself. Try to curb resentments and avoid being or giving cause for jealousy. Do not be too quick to judge others. Be bold.



Gemini (May 20 - June 20)

You should not allow work to infringe upon your leisure time. Concentrate on doing what is most important. However do not entirely neglect second matters. Be generous.



Virgo (Aug. 22 - Sept. 21)

You will be able to deal with a matter that has been causing you some concern. Everything will take longer than you had expected, but you will get there in the end. If you tell a lie you will soon be found out. Be sober.



Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21)

You will be able to deal with a problem that has been bothering you of late. Try not to get involved in a quarrel between two friends of yours. Avoid eating too many sweet things as well as anything too fatty. Be courteous.



Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 19)

You should ensure that your partner gets a fair share of your joint income. And you should not forget about your children either. Do not leave until later what you know should be done straight away. Be firm.



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A seal props its head on a hind flipper while enjoying the first warmth of the South African spring sunshine at Johannesburg Zoo.

## Young poet

## If

If I could only be a star,  
I'll shine upon where you are,  
You may be a hundred miles away,  
I'll come to brighten up your day.

If I could only be a lark,  
you'll hear me even in the dark,  
a silvery soothing note to your ear,  
to cheer you up and wash away your fear.

If I'm a lark, I'll keep you under my wing,  
to make you feel the warmth our love can bring,  
we'll fly up high in the boundless sky,  
and over the mountains, land and sea we'll fly.

If I could never be a star,  
and could never be a lark,  
I would only want one wish, or two  
to spend my entire life with you.

Nosheen Younis

## Amazing facts

The saying to 'lick into shape' first came about because people used to believe that when bear cubs were first born, they were shapeless masses of flesh and the mother literally had to lick them into shape.

A New Yorker as so expert at forging signatures that he was hired to sign the names of 250,000 celebrities.

On the island of Stromboli there is an active volcano on which flocks of birds have made their home, 3,000 feet up.

Girls attending the Smolny Institute in Russia in the early twentieth century, were kept in seclusion for seven years and not even allowed to see their own families.

## Happy birthday

We are waiting to see all of you brighten up our page with your birthday pictures.



Rabia Fatima celebrates her 8th birthday, today August 17. Best wishes from parents, friends and relatives.

Rabia, of the Indian School, enjoys cycling, reading and playing tennis.



Haroon Mushtaq Abbasi of the International School of Pakistan, celebrates his 8th birthday today August 17. He enjoys cycling and judo.

Happy birthday, Haroon from parents, relatives and friends.



Vidiyane Chaturange Nawulla celebrates her first birthday on August 18. Many happy returns of the day and wishing you a prosperous life from Thati, Amme and Ayea.



Stephen Valentino Gomes celebrates his 7th birthday on August 18. Hearty wishes from parents, relatives and friends. Stephen goes to the Indian School and likes to sing.



Rahul Mehra celebrates his 8th birthday on August 18. Many happy returns of the day from mummy and daddy.

Rahul goes to the Indian School and enjoys swimming and playing computer games.



Sharon Barreto of the New Indian School celebrates her 10th birthday on August 19. Many happy returns of the day from parents, friends and family.

Sharon enjoys reading, dancing and singing.



Shilpa Soni celebrates her 12th birthday on August 19. Happy birthday from parents friends and family.

Shilpa goes to Carmel School and enjoys collecting stamps and working on the computer.



Murtaza Sharif celebrated his 6th birthday on August 14. Belated greetings from parents, sisters and brother.

Murtaza of the New Indian School enjoys watching cartoons and playing.

## Word search

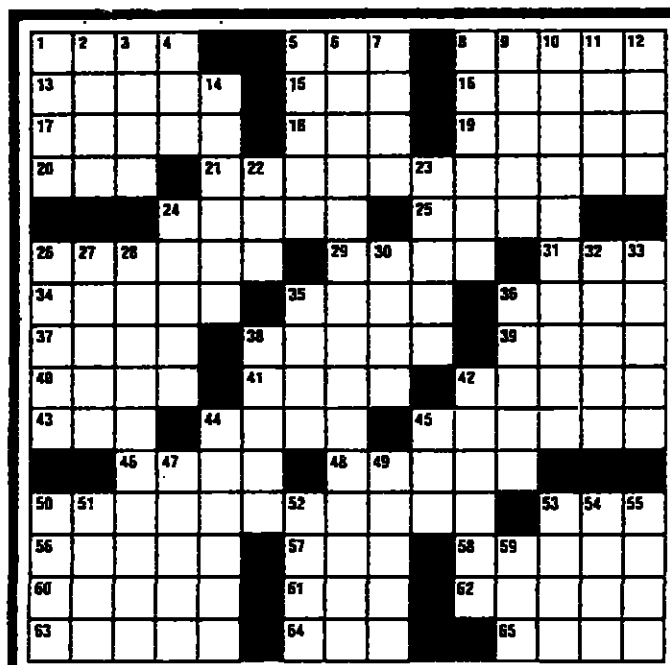
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JUICE  
MARMALADE  
OATMEAL  
OLEO  
OMELET  
POTATOES  
ROLL  
SAUSAGE  
TEA  
WAFFLE

## BREAKFAST MENU

S O D O N U T R T E A N Q  
C A I H A S B T X O Y L G  
E W L D T T C E R E A L R  
U D V T E B M C E Z E S I  
Z T N I L B Q E G G F P T  
B I P G E L F F A W M O S  
H J O H M F E B S L O G D  
M F T K O K P J U I C E N  
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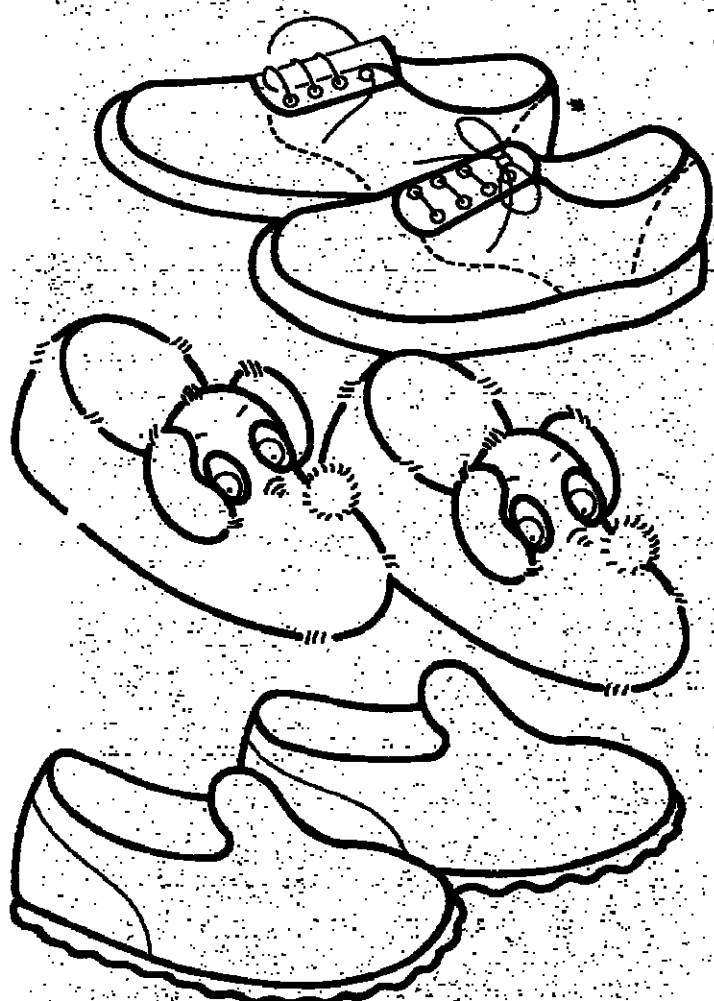
## Crossword



- ACROSS  
1 French clergyman  
5 NCO  
8 Middle  
13 Branch  
15 Anger  
16 Force out  
17 Marshy body of water  
18 — judicate  
19 Distributes  
20 — poetical  
21 Navigational course  
24 Turn aside  
25 Assess  
26 Rug  
29 Free from an interest
- DOWN  
31 Do wrong  
34 Mimics  
35 To such an extent  
36 Song  
37 Lesson  
38 Stability  
39 Anger  
40 Farm  
41 measure  
42 European cards  
43 Zodiacal sign  
44 Silt  
45 Toots one's horn  
46 Regatta group  
48 Intelligent
- 15th century conflict  
Wonder  
Spokes  
Western Hemisphere  
Different  
Tassel-like spike  
Scrap of food  
Orient  
Approaches  
Billiards  
stroke  
Firmament  
Encourage  
In crime
- Langston or Howard  
Furrow  
Jalopy's relative  
Wild celebration  
Junta  
Swiftly  
Gives back territory  
30 Orient  
32 Small bay  
33 Requirements  
35 Pedicure areas  
36 Halloween alternative  
38 Tills  
42 Latter-Day Saint  
44 Small  
45 — relief  
47 Showers  
49 Blurred  
50 Unit of weight  
51 Hindu incarnation  
52 Dove sounds  
53 Fictional captain  
54 "The Way We —"  
55 Formerly, formerly  
59 Oolong or Hyson

## Colouring time

Colour the three pairs of shoes. Which pair is used when?



Dear Junior Readers,

Look at the date... we are rapidly approaching the end of August... and guess what begins in September? Yes, you have guessed correctly, with a lot of moaning and groaning too... SCHOOL!

So I suppose I'd better tell you the best way to prepare yourself for a fresh start at studying. Firstly, I suggest that you start to adapt yourself to early nights and early waking... sounds boring: no more watching late night TV programmes, no more playing down stairs after six, no more late dinners. But when you think of how energetic you'll feel when you wake up each morning and how awake you will feel throughout the entire day, the luxuries you'll miss will be forgotten completely!

Another important thing you ought to do is tidy up your rooms and create a healthy studying zone. Put all of your toys in their places, whether in the cupboards, in a box under your bed or wherever, but make sure they are not obvious to sight. This will make you less aware of them while trying to concentrate on your studies.

Finally, take a look at your school utensils: your uniform, is it still your size? Is your sports gear clean and ironed? Do you have enough spare notebooks? Do you have pencils, pens, crayons? Anything that is missing should be bought as early as possible while the stocks last.

Manal

## Let us cook

## Peach and coconut delight

## Ingredients

500ml (1 pint) custard sauce  
Small tin of peaches  
1 dessertspoonful powdered gelatine  
50g (2 oz) desiccated coconut  
Few glace cherries

## Equipment

Small pan  
Can opener  
Dessertspoon  
500 ml (1 pint) mould

Serving plate  
Basin  
Knife

- 1 Make the custard following the basic recipe.
- 2 Drain peaches, placing the juice in a small basin.
- 3 Add the gelatine to the fruit juice, place basin over a pan of hot water and stir until dissolved.
- 4 Add to hot custard and stir well.
- 5 Slice the peaches and add to the custard.
- 6 Pour into a wet mould.
- 7 Leave in a cool place to set.
- 8 Toast the coconut as for Banana snow.
- 9 Turn mould out into a dish. Arrange a border of coconut around the base, decorate with cherries and any remaining fruit.

## Variations

Any type of fruit can be used for this dessert to give a variety of flavour and colour

## Basic custard

## Ingredients

500 ml (1 pint) milk



1 rounded and 1 level tablespoonful custard powder

1 rounded and 1 level tablespoonful sugar.

## Equipment

Pan  
Wooden spoon  
Tablespoon

1. Put custard powder and sugar in pan, add a little of the milk and mix to a smooth cream with a wooden spoon, gradually add the rest of the milk.
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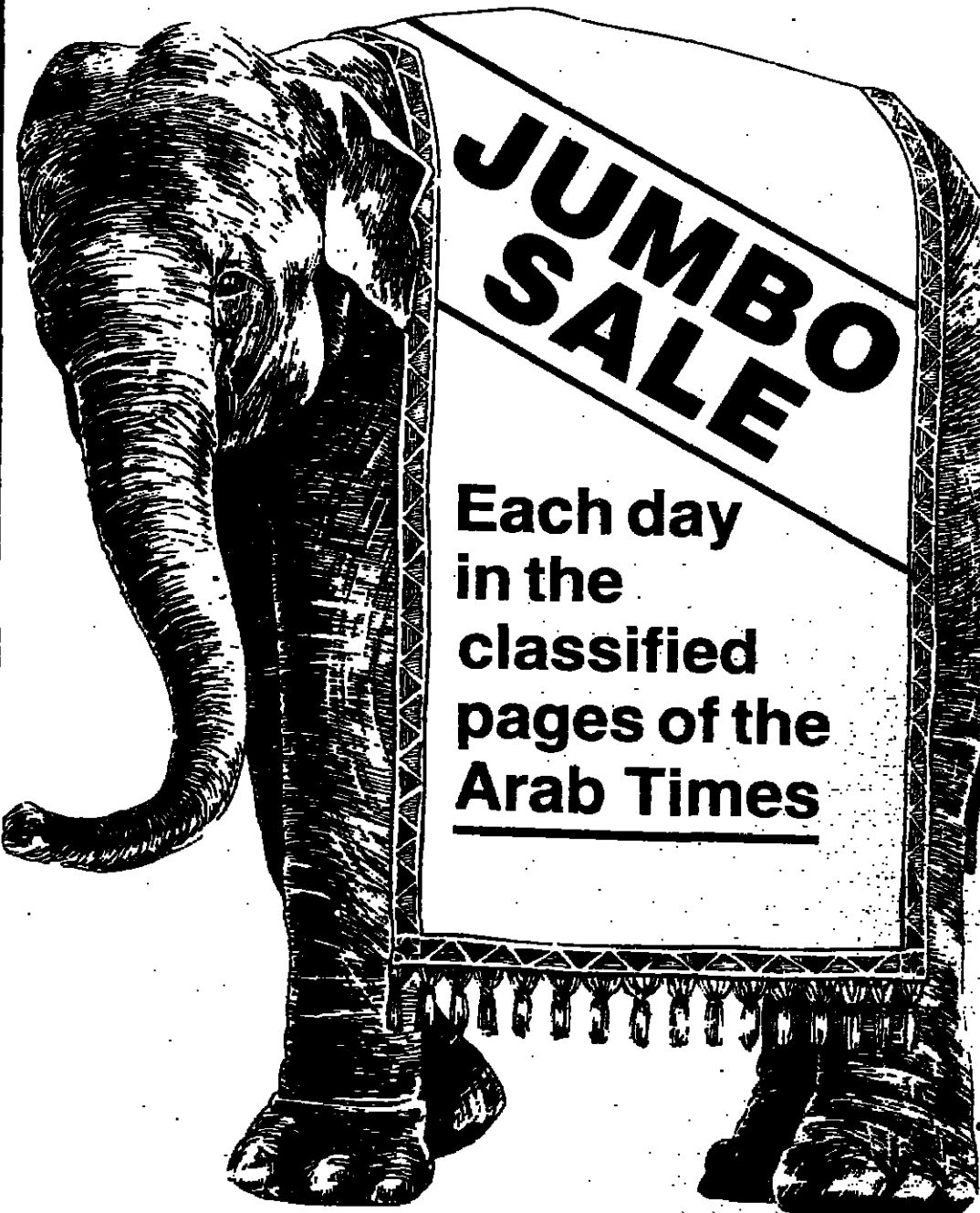
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SPORTS

# Shriver cruises into second round

MAHWAH, N.J., Aug. 16, (Reuters): Second seed Pam Shriver opened her bid for her first title of the year with a convincing first round victory at the \$200,000 Jersey Classic tennis tournament yesterday.

Shriver, who had given up singles competition earlier this year, defeated fellow

American Louise Allen 6-2 6-2.

"I've regained my enthusiasm and I'm working harder," said Shriver. "I'm not ready to hang it up. There is still a lot more competitiveness still left in me."

Eighth seed Sylvia Hanika of West Germany had a much tougher first round encounter. She rallied to win the final four

games for a 2-6 6-2 7-5 victory over American Donna Faber.

In another three-set comeback, Pascale Paradis of France ousted Eva Krapf of Switzerland 6-7 6-4 6-3.

Shriver's margin of victory provided little indication of how often she had to work herself out of tough spots.

Allen held 11 break points but only managed to convert one of them as she forced the world's ninth-ranked player to duce in six of her eight service games.

Shriver, whose long-time doubles partner Martina Navratilova decided to break up the act, announced that she has joined forces with world number one Steffi Graf.

## Watson aims to 'kick butt' in Cup

CASTLEROCK, Colo., Aug. 16, (Reuters): Tom Watson greeted his selection to the US Ryder Cup team yesterday by vowing to "kick some butt" to win back the trophy.

"We're out to win," Watson told news conference after captain Ray Floyd chose him and Lanny Wadkins to complete the 12-man team. "We're going to pull out all the stops to win."

Watson, who is playing in a PGA Tour event in Castle Rock, said he had telephoned Wadkins after their selection to exchange congratulations.

"I told him 'we're going to go out there and kick some butt,'" Watson said. "He said 'yes,' and we're going to take some names."

"We want to win it back in the worst way," Watson said of the Ryder Cup, which has been won by Europe in the last two meetings. The United States still leads the series 21-5-1.

"I love playing in the Ryder Cup, and now the competition's fierce. Our pride has been hurt very badly the past two years," he added.

Floyd chose Watson even though the five-time British Open winner has not even in the top 25 in the Ryder Cup points standings. However, Watson had shown a return to form in recent weeks by coming fourth in the British Open and ninth in the PGA championship which finished last Sunday.

Wadkins was more of a surprise even though he was 17th in the standings, having failed to impress in recent months.

"Don't worry about Lanny Wadkins," Watson said. "He's one of the toughest competitors we have out there."

As for his own credentials, he replied: "Let's put it this way, I have a pretty good record over there."

Floyd cited experience in choosing Watson and Wadkins, both 39, to join the 10 players who automatically earned places on the team. Watson has a 9-3 record in his three Ryder Cups while Wadkins is 13-7-1 in five appearances.

"The experience is important," Watson agreed. "We have five people who have never been on a Ryder Cup team. I hope to be a Ryder Cup captain someday and I concur with him (Floyd). We needed experience on the team."

## Britain and US clash in Walker Cup

ATLANTA, Aug. 16, (Reuters): US captain Fred Ridley anticipates a victory — though not so easily — in the 32nd Walker Cup amateur golf team event against Britain and Ireland today and tomorrow.

Ridley, the non-playing captain, said he felt the gap had narrowed between the two sides in the series which has been dominated by the United States since its inception in 1922.

"Historically, it was the college system in the US that has produced so many good, young players here," he told Reuters in an interview.

"But that gap has narrowed in the past five years with more attention to golf in Europe and more good, young players."

"But you still have 20 million golfers in America versus one million in Europe."

The United States leads the series 28-2-1 and has won the last nine. The winning margin at Sunningdale in 1987 when the two teams last met was 16-1/2 to 7-1/2.

Ridley calculated that the British Isles team, captained by Geoffrey Marks, was "stronger than it was in 1987, and ours is as strong if not stronger."

"They've got some guys with some firepower, but how well they'll respond to this course, I don't know," he added.

Of the 10 members of the visiting team, only former US British amateur champions Peter McEvoy and Garth McGimpsey have competed in past Walker Cups.

The two-day match will take place at the Peachtree Golf Club, a course designed by the legendary Bobby Jones who played on five Walker Cup teams and was captain in 1928 and 1930.

# Becker tames Leach

Edberg and Wilander win



Becker had a lapse in concentration

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Top seed Boris Becker let his mind wander only to find himself in a tough second set tiebreak with 33rd-ranked American Rick Leach in the first round of the ATP Championships yesterday.

The West German Wimbledon champion regained his concentration in time to safely advance with a 6-3 7-6 victory by taking the tiebreak 7-4.

"I broke him for 5-4 and at 30-15 I was thinking already when I was going to sleep tonight," said Becker, who proceeded to lose his serve and allow Leach into the match.

"In the tiebreak I played three good points to win it," said Becker, who was joined in the second round of this \$602,500 event by second seed Stefan Edberg and third-seeded fellow Swede Mats Wilander. Both won

easy first round matches against lowly South African opponents.

Edberg defeated 205th-ranked Barry Moor 6-4 6-3 and Wilander, the defending champion, ousted 246th-ranked qualifier Byron Talbot 6-3 6-2.

Fifth-seeded American Brad Gilbert also advanced with a relatively routine 6-3 6-4 win over Mexican Augustin Moreno.

Becker, competing in his first Grand Prix tournament since serve and volley game to power his way to a 4-0 first set lead.

But Leach, much better known for his doubles play, forced the world number two to shake off some of the rust acquired in a three-week layoff since Becker led West Germany into the Davis Cup finals.

"I hung tough and gave him a run for his money," said Leach. "If I played like that I could beat a lot of guys."

## Gastineau to turn boxer, says friend

VANCOUVER, British Columbia, Aug. 16, (AP): Former NFL defensive end Mark Gastineau may announce this week that he is planning a career in boxing, according to a family friend.

"I think he's made up his mind he wants to fight," said Murray Pezim, a local businessman and family friend who has offered his services as Gastineau's manager.

Pezim said the flamboyant lineman and his girlfriend, Brigitte Nielsen — actress and former wife of actor and film maker Sylvester Stallone — were en route to Vancouver.

The New York Jets placed Gastineau, known for his sack dance over fallen quarterbacks, on the reserve-retired list last October but still retain his playing rights.

The 6-foot-5, 275-pound lineman, who entered the NFL in 1979, recorded 107 1/2 sacks and was a five-time pro bowl selection.

Gastineau is the second football player in recent months to contemplate a foray into the boxing ring. Offensive lineman Tony Mandarich, taken second overall in the NFL draft this year by the Green Bay Packers, has indicated a desire to take on world heavyweight champion Mike Tyson.

Tyson's manager said Tuesday he was unimpressed by such offers.

"We had a football player named Tony Tall Jones who was considered very handy with his fists," Bill Cayton said from New York. "He tried to be a professional boxer and he failed miserably."

Cayton was equally blunt when asked how Gastineau might fare against Tyson.

"He'd be destroyed. He doesn't know how to fight," he said.

## Austrian upsets Noah Canadian stuns Mecir

MONTREAL, Aug. 16, (Reuters): Canadian Grant Connell gave the Montreal crowd something to cheer about as he upset seventh-seed Miloslav Mecir at the \$742,500 Canadian Open Tennis Championships yesterday.

Connell, ranked 130th in the world, took advantage of the Czechoslovak Olympic champion's bad back to score a 6-2 4-6 6-4 second round victory.

Eighth-seed Yannick Noah, who has also been plagued by a series of injuries, fell to 98th-ranked Austrian Alex Antonitsch 6-3 6-7 7-6 in a second round struggle.

Antonitsch kept Noah on the defensive throughout the match with the exception of the second set tiebreak in which the Frenchman played brilliantly, winning 7-4.

"For a while I was wondering whether I would ever play the way I would like to play," said the frustrated 24-year-old Frenchman who last won a title at Milan in February 1988.

All other seeded players in second round action fared better.

Fifth-seeded American Kevin Curren, Canadian

Andrew Sznajder, seeded 12th, and 16th-seeded American Jimmy Arias all reached the third round with straight-set wins.

American Richey Reneberg, the 15th seed, needed three sets to oust Australian Richard Fromberg 3-6 7-5 6-1.

Mecir denied reports of his imminent retirement despite his doctor's suggestion that he would be better off staying away from tennis.

"It was disturbing me today so I was playing a little bit carefully," said Mecir. "But after today's match I don't feel any worse than before the start of the match."

Connell continually hit the ball at Mecir's feet, chipped and charged, and effectively kept the seventh seed off rhythm.

He secured victory by breaking Mecir in the ninth game of the final set and then served out the match.

"It was probably my biggest match," said Connell, who beat 20th-ranked Israeli Amos Mansdorf two weeks ago at Stratton.

"This win was more special because it was at home on centre court."



Arantxa Sanchez

## Sanchez and McNeil score first-round wins

ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico, Aug. 16, (AP): Top-seeded Arantxa Sanchez and fifth-seeded Lori McNeil breezed to first-round victories in the Virginia Slims of Albuquerque women's tennis tournament.

Sanchez, making her first US appearance yesterday since she beat Steffi Graf to capture the French Open in June, defeated Peru's Pilar Vasquez 6-2 6-2. McNeil, who has been eliminated in half her opening matches this year, was in control throughout as she defeated Jo-Anne Faull 6-2 6-3.

Seventh-seeded Anne Minter beat Peanut Louie-Harper, while Japan's Nana Miyagi was the only woman who advanced through the qualifying tournament to win in the opening round. She beat Jenny Byrne 6-1 6-2.

In other opening-round singles action, Elise Burgin beat Katrina Adams 6-4 6-1; Betsy Nagelsen eliminated Maya Kidowaki 6-3 6-1; Ann Hennickson defeated Janine Thompson 7-6 (7-3); 6-3; Beverly Bowes outlasted Tami Whittingler 6-3 0-6 7-5; Claudia Porwik ousted Linda Harvey-Wild 6-1 7-5; Elina Reinach beat Marianne Werdel 6-2 6-3; and Kathrin Keil lost to Jana Popisilova 6-1 6-1.

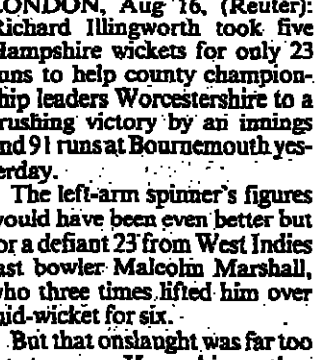
Sanchez, known in the past primarily as a clay court player, said she used the match to work on her hardcourt game, especially her slice backhand and serve-and-volley.

"I lost a lot of points, but maybe if I practice it will make it a lot better the next match," she said. "Today I hit a lot of good shots, I returned very well and I served like always."

"It's very important to play on hardcourt, and I feel very good because I played good on it. Here (on hardcourt) the ball comes very fast, so you have to play different. You can't stay on the baseline."

# Illingworth spins Worcester to victory

Essex brush aside Lancashire



Philip DeFreitas

three games to play.

Lancashire, 305 behind on first innings, had made Essex look as Graham Lloyd (100), Nick Speak (64), Neil Fairbrother (60) and Philip DeFreitas (50) lifted their side to 381 all out, leaving Essex 14 overs to score 77.

Despite losing captain Graham Gooch and Paul Prichard, both brilliantly run out by DeFreitas, Essex got home with 13 balls to spare.

Off-spinners Philip Tufnell, who captured five for 60, and John Emburey, with three for 39, paved the way for a seven-wicket



John Emburey

win by third-placed Middlesex over Northamptonshire at Lord's.

The pair ran through Northants for 142, giving Middlesex a target of 204 that proved no problem with captain Mike Gatting (83 not out) and Mark Ramprakash (43) sharing a third-wicket stand of 94.

Middlesex's victory left them 44 points behind the leaders with a game in hand.

Results

At Cheltenham, Gloucestershire v Derbyshire match abandoned. Derbyshire 448 for nine declared. Gloucestershire 175 for six in 64.2 overs when bad light stopped play. Derbyshire 6 points Gloucestershire 2.

At Bournemouth, Worcestershire beat Hampshire by an innings and 91 runs. Worcestershire 325, Hampshire 137 in 48.4 overs and 97 (R. Illingworth five for 23, S. McEwan four for 32). Worcestershire 22 points Hampshire 3.

At Swanes, Glamorgan v Sussex match drawn. Sussex 240 and 223 for three (A. Wells 72 not out, P. Parker 63, M. Speight 48). Glamorgan 308 in 111.2 overs. Glamorgan 7 points Sussex 4.

At Edgbaston, Warwickshire v Somerset match drawn. Somerset 316 for eight declared and 170 for seven declared (A. Adkins 53, C. Tavare 42). Warwickshire 250 for seven declared in 83.2 overs and 107 for three. Warwickshire and Somerset 6 points.

At Lord's: Middlesex beat Northamptonshire by seven wickets. Northamptonshire 363 in 110.3 overs and 142 (N. Filton 41, P. Tufnell five for 60). Middlesex 302 for one declared in 86.2 overs (J. Carr 153 not out, M. Ramprakash 53 not out and 204 for three (M. Gatting 83 not out, M. Ramprakash 43). Middlesex 23 points Northamptonshire 4.

At Lytham, Essex beat Lancashire by seven wickets. Lancashire 95 in 39.5 overs and 381 (G. Lloyd 100, N. Speak 64, N. Fairbrother 60, P. DeFreitas 50, J. Childs four for 80). Essex 400 for four declared and 79 for three. Essex 23 points Lancashire one.

At Scarborough, Kent beat Yorkshire by five wickets. Yorkshire 400 for five declared and 147 for two declared (A. Metcalfe 87 not out, Kent 271 for six declared and 277 for five (R. Peniar 125, S. Hinks 69). Kent 20 points Yorkshire 5.



Philip Tufnell

English county championship cricket table after matches which ended yesterday (tableau under played, won, lost, drawn, batting points, bowling points, totals).

Worcestershire 19 10 3 6 40 73 273  
Essex 19 11 1 7 40 59 259  
Middlesex 18 8 2 8 38 63 229  
Hampshire 18 6 7 4 46 57 190  
Northants 18 5 7 6 44 55 195  
Notts 18 5 8 46 53 179  
Lancashire 18 5 8 43 53 176  
Gloucester 18 5 9 4 33 56 169  
Derbyshire 17 4 9 36 55 155  
Warwickshire 17 3 10 36 58 150  
Sussex 17 3 9 38 56 142  
Leicestershire 17 3 8 33 56 137  
Somerset 18 3 11 42 46 136  
Sussex 17 3 12 47 52 131  
Yorkshire 18 3 6 35 46 129  
Kent 18 2 8 41 30 115  
Glamorgan 18 2 4 12 30 114



## BASEBALL ROUNDUP

# Giants outlast Expos

MONTREAL, Aug. 16, (AP): Dave Dravecky fractured his pitching arm, the same one on which he had cancer surgery 10 months ago, but got credit for the San Francisco Giants' 3-2 victory over the Montreal Expos 3-2.

Dravecky, who won his first start by pitching eight innings last Thursday against Cincinnati, was injured in the sixth inning last night, dropping to the ground and grabbing his left arm after throwing a wild pitch. He was taken from the field on a stretcher.

Dravecky, who pitched five shutout innings before the sixth, was conscious as he left the field holding his arm, the same one where a cancerous tumor removed 10 months ago.

"It sounded like a firecracker," Expos right fielder Hubie Brooks said. "I've never seen anything like it and I hope I never see anything like it again."

Dravecky, 33, was taken to Queen Elizabeth Hospital, and X-rays showed the fracture in the upper arm near the surgical scar. The injury is expected to sideline him for 6-8 weeks, effectively ending his season.

Double

In New York, Kevin McReynolds tied the game with a ninth-inning homer, and Kevin Elster won it with an RBI double as the Mets rallied to beat the San Diego for their 12th victory in 15 games.

The Phillies' Ricky Jordan hit his second home run of the game, leading off the bottom of the eighth to give Philadelphia the victory over Los Angeles.

Reliever Jeff Parrett, 11-4, the biggest winner on the Phillies staff, pitched three scoreless innings, allowing one hit, for the victory.

In Cincinnati, the Cubs' Andre Dawson hit rookie Mike Roesler's 0-2 pitch over the left field fence for a three-run homer with two outs in the 12th inning, leading Chicago over Cincinnati. Cubs rookie Jerome Walton took advantage of the extra innings to extend his hitting streak to 25 games, the longest in baseball this year.

In St. Louis, Jose DeLeon pitched a three-hitter, Milt Thompson knocked in four runs and Terry Pendleton went a 4-for-4, leading the Cardinals to their third victory over Atlanta in two days. DeLeon, 12-11, missed St. Louis, League-leading 16th shutout when Jeff treadway homered with two outs in the ninth.

Houston's Ken Caminiti's 11th-inning single drove in Eric yelding from second base, giving the Astros a victory over Pittsburgh. Glenn Davis, who homered earlier, led off the 11th with a single off Mike Smith, 0-1, any yielding came in to pinch run.

## Springboard diving

West German Albin Killat's final dive saved him his three-metre springboard title at the European Swimming Championships on Tuesday after he trailed for four rounds behind Soviet rival Alexander Gladchenko. Killat, who won with 672.75 points, and silver medalist Gladchenko struggled for top place for most of the 11-dive final, often with only a point and a half between them. East German Jan Hempel, 17, took the bronze with 663.84 points, close behind Gladchenko's 666.42. Above: Killat enters the water as he makes one of his dives. (Reuters wirephoto).

## US Little League to ban cash incentives

HAGERSTOWN, Maryland, Aug. 16, (AP): Cash incentives for Little Leaguers violate official rules and will not be permitted next season, a League administrator in western Maryland says.

Jay Stouffer, administrator of more than 10 Leagues in Washington, Garrett and Allegany counties, said yesterday that he planned to meet with the League's board of directors during the next few weeks to put an end to cash incentives two coaches in Bonsoor's South Mountain League gave their players this summer.

"These are dedicated guys, but all of us can make a mistake once in a while," Stouffer said. "We just can't allow this practice to continue."

Delbert House, manager of the South Mountain League, said last week that he rewarded players with one dollar for their first hit in a game and gave five dollars to any player who hit a home run.

The other coach, Robert Keller, said he gave his players ten cents for each hit, 25 cents for an outstanding fielding play and one dollar for a home run.

Both coaches said on Monday that they would be willing to discuss the cash rewards with Stouffer, and House promised to abolish the rewards if he managed a team next season.

"Not one time has anybody said that I've done anything wrong," House said.

Keller said he liked giving money to players from poorer families who can not afford to give the youngsters money for the ballpark concession stand.

Results

American League

Toronto	7	Boston	2
Baltimore	2	Detroit	0
Kansas City	10	Chicago	6
Milwaukee	1	New York	0
Oakland	5	Cleveland	2
Seattle	2	Texas	0
California	3	Minnesota	2

National League

Chicago	3	Cincinnati	2
San Francisco	3	Montreal	2
New York	3	San Diego	2
Philadelphia	7	Los Angeles	6
St. Louis	9	Atlanta	2
Houston	3	Pittsburgh	2

## Kasparov crushes Short to share lead

SKELLEFTEA, Sweden, Aug. 16, (AP): World chess champion Garry Kasparov of the Soviet Union scored a crushing victory over England's Nigel Short in the fourth round of the chess World Cup yesterday and moved back into joint first place.

Kasparov, playing with the disadvantage of the black pieces, checkmated his opponent on move 45.

Kasparov and fellow Soviet grandmaster, Valery Salov, each have two and a half points from three plus one adjourned game each.

Salov spent most of his fourth round game with West German grandmaster Robert Huebner defending what experts described as a losing position. But right at the end of the six hour playing session, he tricked his opponent and appears heading for a draw.

The World Cup, a series of six tournaments between the world's leading 25 grandmasters and featuring a total prize fund of \$1.2 million, is widely regarded as the second most important chess event after the individual world championship final.

The tournament, held in this northern Swedish city located about 300 kilometres (200 miles) south of the Arctic Circle, is the final event in the series.

The only player who can catch Kasparov is his archrival, Soviet grandmaster Anatoly Karpov, who held the championship for 10 years until losing it to Kasparov in 1985.

But following a lackluster series of draws, Karpov has only two points from four games. In his game yesterday, Karpov, playing white, drew with Lajos Portisch of Hungary. A win scores one point and a draw a half.

In an attempt to throw Kasparov, Short, the third ranked player in the world, played a different first move for the first time in seven years.

With White, Short almost always moves his "E" pawn, or kings pawn, forward two squares. But in this game he pushed his "D," or queens pawn, forward instead.

"When the game began I came into the playing hall and expected to see Short's 'E' pawn in the middle of the board, but it wasn't there," Kasparov explained after the game.

Kasparov spent eight minutes by move 5. Each player is granted a total of two hours thinking time for their first 40 moves.

But the 26-year-old Soviet outplayed his opponent in the usual mid-game position.

To stop a devastating attack, Short was forced to cede a knight in exchange for only two pawns on move 29. Kasparov won back one of the pawns and, using his extra knight, brought home a decisive plan.

In an unusual gesture of sportsmanship, Short did not resign his hopeless position, but played on to allow Kasparov to play the final checkmating move.



## SPORTS

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Al Arabi win

MANAMA, Bahrain, Aug 16. (AP): Faraj Al Falaj scored a hat-trick today and steered Kuwaiti champion Al Arabi to a 4-2 win against Saudi Arabia's Al Hilal in the Coca-Cola GCC Club Championship. Al Arabi now top the standings with five points.

## Zurich GP

ZURICH, Aug 16. (Reuters): Olympic champion Ibrahim Bouayeb and world record holder Renaldo Nehemiah withdrew from the Zurich Grand Prix athletics meeting today just hours before the first event.

## British star

LONDON, Aug 16. (Reuters): British middle distance runner Steve Cram may miss the rest of the season after suffering a recurrence of a calf injury which has already sidelined him this year.

## Court order

CINCINNATI, Aug 16. (AP): Lawyers in the Pete Rose case said yesterday a federal court order issued Friday apparently would not prevent the Cincinnati Reds from firing Rose as manager, but the ballclub says it has no plans to fire Rose.

## World record

ZURICH, Aug 16. (Reuters): American Roger Kingdom broke the 110 metres hurdles world record when he clocked 12.92 seconds at the Zurich athletics Grand Prix today. Kingdom improved the previous mark of 12.93 set by compatriot Renaldo Nehemiah in August 1981.

## Rugby tour

LONDON, Aug 16. (Reuters): Star England flanker Mike Teague said yesterday he is to join the international squad making a controversial rugby union tour of South Africa.

## Rider suspended

GENEVA, Aug 16. (Reuters): New Zealand speedway rider Mitch Shirra has been suspended for two years for failing two drug tests during last season's world championships, the International Motorcycling Federation (FIM) said yesterday.

## Tennis challenge

LONDON, Aug 16. (UPI): American firebrand John McEnroe is set to clash with Sweden's Stefan Edberg in a £150,000 (\$240,000) head-to-head tennis challenge at the London Arena Sept 14.

## Knee operation

PARIS, Aug 16. (Reuters): England midfielder Glenn Hoddle could be in doubt for his French club Monaco's opening match in the European Cup Winners' Cup next month after a knee operation today.

## Scottish champions

GLASGOW, Aug 16. (Reuters): Scottish Premier League soccer champions Glasgow Rangers yesterday completed the signing of Israeli international goalkeeper Bonni Ginzberg as a replacement for the injured Chris Woods.

## Scottish Cup

LONDON, Aug 16. (Reuters): Results of British soccer matches played yesterday.

Scottish League Cup second round	
Airdrie	4 Forfar 0
Ayr	0 Hamilton 1
Berwick	0 St Mirren 2
Dumbarton	0 Celtic 3
Dundee	5 Clyde 1
Dunfermline	3 Raith 0
Hibernian	2 Alloa 0
Kilmarnock	1 Motherwell 4
Queen's Park	0 Morton 1
Rangers	4 Arbroath 0

## W. German soccer

BONN, Aug 16. (Reuters): West German First-Division results yesterday.

Nuremberg	1 Werder 1
Homburg	2 Bayer U 1
Waldhof	1 Bayer L 1
Borussia	4 St Pauli 1

## Brazilian players

BERN, Switzerland, Aug 16. (AP): A Swiss court sentenced four Brazilian soccer players yesterday to suspended prison terms of up to 15 months in a rape case involving a 13-year-old girl who went to their hotel room to ask for a club shirt.

## Darnyi wins medley title

Lashko takes diving crown with ease

BONN, Aug 16. (Reuters): World and Olympic champion Tamas Darnyi, undeterred by influenza and miserable weather, maintained his remarkable record of swimming supremacy when he claimed his third successive European 400 metres individual medley title today.

The Hungarian triumphed in a session of European Championship finals in the outdoor Roemerbad pool which started and finished in pouring rain. The skies remained grey and overcast even when the rain temporarily stopped.

East Germany captured two more titles to make it five victories in five women's races, while Rafal Szukala put Poland on the winner's rostrum for the first time at European level in the men's 100 metres butterfly.

Giorgio Lamberti, who smashed the 200 metres freestyle world record yesterday, pocketed his second gold medal when he helped Italy win the men's 4x200 freestyle relay for the first time in the 63-year history of the championships.

Lamberti's world mark of one minute 46.69 seconds survived an assault by deposed champion Anders Hilmertz, who led Sweden off in 1:47.61 — a time which would have earned him silver rather than the bronze he took in the individual event yesterday.

Darnyi was made to fight to the end by East German Patrick Kuehl, who led after the opening butterfly leg and pursued the Hungarian double world record-holder throughout.

Darnyi finally mastered the tall East German down the last freestyle leg, touching in four minutes 15.25 seconds, just half a second outside the world mark he set at the Seoul Olympics.

Kuehl took the silver medal in 4:16.08 and Italy's Stefano Battistelli the bronze in 4:19.13.

"It was a good race, bearing in mind the conditions," said Darnyi, who was suffering from a high temperature and sore



Britain's gold and bronze medal winners, Adrian Moorhouse (right) and Nick Gillingham, respectively look to the time board after their success in the 100 metres breaststroke on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)

throat.

"I still had a fever this morning and the weather was not that good for a fast time. In better conditions I can swim faster."

Darnyi has won every individual medley title at major championships — Olympic, world and European — since his first European double in 1985.

Sixteen-year-old Irina Lashko of the Soviet Union dived confidently to win the gold medal in the new women's one-metre springboard title today.

She trailed just behind E. Germany's Brita Baldus after the first of the five dives, then overtook with the highest scoring dive, a forward with one and a half somersaults and two twists.

She steadily stretched out her lead to win on 278.46 points, 11 clear of Baldus.

Soviet teammate Marina Babkova took bronze with 216 points, way behind Baldus' 267.24. Hungary's Agnes Gerlach was fourth with 197.82 after three disappointing dives.

"I had hoped for a medal but did not think it would be the gold. The standard of competition was quite easy," Lashko said.

The one-metre titles for men

and women were introduced in the European Championships for the first time this year.

Lashko said she preferred three-metre diving and had some difficulties with the new competition due to lack of practice.

In the three-metre event at the 1987 European Championships in Strasbourg, Lashko came fourth, Baldus took the bronze and Babkova the silver.

Yesterday Kristina Falasindidi gave the Soviet Union their first synchronised swimming gold medal at a major championship when she won the solo final.

Yesterday Nick Gillingham, Olympic silver medalist over 200 breaststroke, made it a double celebration for Britain by clinching the bronze medal behind Adrian Moorhouse and Volkov.

Moorhouse, left trailing by Volkov on the first length of the Olympic final, was off the blocks slower than the Russian but accelerated down the first 50 metres, touching in 28.82 seconds — quicker than his 29.01 split in the morning's world record.

But the 25-year-old Briton had to survive a tremendous late challenge from Volkov.



Italy's Giorgio Lamberti screams in joy after breaking the world record in the men's 200-metre freestyle on Tuesday. (Reuters wirephoto)



France's Karin Schuler (left), winner of the silver medal in the solo synchronised swimming event kisses bronze medal winner Karin Singer from Switzerland as gold medal winner Kristina Falasindidi of Soviet Union looks on. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Vietnam to take part in SEA Games

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia, Aug 16. (AP): A Vietnamese contingent arrived today for the Southeast Asian Games after a 16-year absence from the regional sports competition.

Vietnam is sending 64 people for the Games, starting Sunday. A group of 36 arrived today and the rest were scheduled to come tomorrow and Friday.

Vietnam last entered the Games in Singapore in 1973. In 1975, it skipped the Games, saying it wanted time for reconstruction from the war it had just won. SEA Games officials said.

It continued its absence after Vietnamese troops moved into

Cambodia in 1978 because the other Southeast Asian countries, including Malaysia, Indonesia, the Philippines, Thailand and Singapore, condemned the invasion.

The non-communist nations later helped to establish a rival coalition government of Cambodia formed by three resistance factions fighting the government installed in Phnom Penh by Vietnam.

"Now they (the Vietnamese) are getting out of Cambodia next month and all the other non-communist countries have good relations with them, so they have decided to come," said one senior

Malaysian official, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Meanwhile, Indonesian track cyclist Puspita Mustika Adya said today he is confident of beating Malaysia's one-kilometre time trial.

"All I can say is that I am much faster now and have beaten the known best times clocked by Rosman and Rumarin for that event," said Puspita, who said he has been training hard for the past eight months.

He did not, however, say how fast he has gone. Rosman's best time for the event is 1 minute, 10.26 seconds, while Rumarin's best is 1:09.67.

## Palaro games set to close

THE Filipino Palaro '89 games come to a close tomorrow with a prize distribution ceremony at the Keifan gym at 1.00 pm.

The ceremony will be preceded by some exciting basketball and chess matches.

The ceremony will be conducted by Kapilka, the association of Filipinos in Kuwait and the opening remarks will be given by Freddie Fernando, vice-president for sports and recreation.

The Palaro chairman and Kapilka president Manny Inserto will deliver an inspirational talk.

The guest of honour at the ceremony is Florentino Ocampo, officer in charge at the Philippine embassy. The closing remarks will be made by Lamberto Marin, the labour

attache at the Philippine embassy.

All the chairmen and vice-chairmen have been asked to come to the gym to award trophies and medals.

All Kapilka members should bring their yellow cards for the raffle. Major prizes for the raffle have been donated by Hatid Ligaya Aboghos Int, Touristic Enterprises, Pizza Italia, Kabayan Restaurant, Far East Restaurant, Dr Fred Lian and others.

During the intermission some recreational items will be provided by Flassik. There will also be an exhibition of sikaran karate plus some items by the Kabayan singers and FCC.

## Channel swim

FOLKESTONE, England, Aug 16. (AP): An American paraplegic vowed Tuesday to return to Britain next year to attempt to become the first paraplegic to swim the English Channel.

Robert Patterson had planned to make the try in the past week, but was prevented by bad weather.

"I'm heartbroken, but I'm not going to give up," Patterson said in a telephone interview.

switch to American football with the Cleveland Browns. Reynolds' training programme is behind schedule.

"I'm as strong as I was last year but not as quick," he said. "I did a lot of work with weights and had a trial as a wide receiver with the Browns in March," he said. "But I love track and field too much."

Reynolds was dragged to his world record 12 months ago by Nigerian Innocent Egbunike, who ran a storming first 200 metres to leave the American within sight of Evans' 1968 time. But the record was broken by accident rather than design, Reynolds said.

"I didn't think I could break the world record," he said. "I told my brother Jeff that the race would be won in the low 44s."

"I wanted to do enough just to win but the crowd gave me something to come home with and respond to. It was in the last 20 metres I knew the record was on."

He held up a picture: "You can see it in my face," he said.

W. Germany meet S. Korea

## Pakistan expect tough semifinal

IPOH, Malaysia, Aug 16. (AP): Defending champion West Germany take on South Korea and Pakistan plays Australia in the semifinals tomorrow of the Junior World Cup field hockey tournament.

Pakistan team manager Sami Khan said today that all four semifinals are of equal standard and "we are expecting a very tough fight."

"The Australians are very fast, pass the ball a lot and it is very difficult to understand their finish in the goal mouth. They also have good stamina and are fit," Sami said.

Australian team manager John Soundy said, "we are prepared to give a good fight against Pakistan and we are looking forward to reaching the final."

Pakistan, champion in the first tournament in 1979, dropped to third in the 1982 and 1985 Junior World Cups. In this tournament's preliminary round, they won all five of its games, outscoring its opponents 24-7.

Australia, which did not play in the first tournament, finished second in 1982 and fourth in 1985. In the preliminary round here, they won four games and drew one, outscoring their opponents 18-6.

Kim Young-Seok, manager of the Korean team, playing in its first Junior World Cup, said his mainly young players have "got to play fast, for the Germans are very fast and make very good moves."

He said they must concentrate on their defense, which is weaker than the Germans.

The Germans, winners of the 1982 and 1985 tournaments, won four matches and drew one in the preliminary round here, outscoring their opponents 32-5. Germany's Andreas Becker is the tournament's leading scorer so far, with 13 goals.

## Standings

Group A:						Group B									
	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts		P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	5	4	1	0	32	5	9	Pakistan	5	5	0	0	24	7	10
Australia	5	4	1	0	18	6	9	S. Korea	5	3	1	1	24	9	7
Argentina	5	3	2	1	11	14	5	Spain	5	2	2	1	24	4	12
Malaysia	5	2	0	3	6	13	4	England	5	1	2	2	8	8	4
Netherlands	5	1	3	1	9	12	3	S. Union	5	1	2	2	7	9	4
Egypt	5	0	0	5	2	28	0	U.S.	5	0	0	5	5	27	0

## Falcon blast Arrows

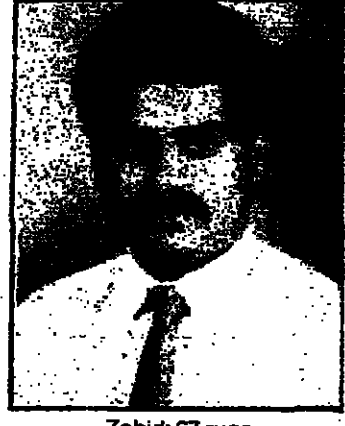
FALCON Cricket Club thrashed Flying Arrows by 77 runs in a Summer League cricket tournament match at the EPI ground earlier this week.

Falcon skipper elected to bat, after winning the toss, and his team scored 152 runs for the loss of five wickets in 20 overs.

Zahid Butt played a valuable innings of 67 which included two huge sixes and nine fours. The other main contributor was Ghulam Haider with 36.

For Flying Arrows, Vijay bowled well to take three wickets.

In reply, Flying Arrows could only score 75 runs for the loss of nine wickets in 20 overs. Sher Afzal was in tremendous



Zahid: 67 runs form, taking six wickets for only 22 runs. Maqsood took three for 22.

## Reynolds still recovering from Olympic defeat

ZURICH, Aug 16. (Reuters): Butch Reynolds huddled amid the chaos of his hotel room autographing pictures of his finest moment.

The camera had frozen forever his grimace of triumph as he shattered the 20-year-old 400 metres world record here exactly a year ago, and he clutched a stack of photographs as thick as a book.

But the memories they evoked were not all good. "I wish it had happened in Seoul," Reynolds said. "Then I could have conquered two feats at once."

Reynolds has still not recovered from his shock Olympic defeat by fellow-American Steve Lewis — one of the major track upsets of the Games.

He longs for a championship gold, and the first anniversary of his mesmerising run here has made him even more acutely aware that the title "world record holder" can never be permanent.

Reynolds' powerful demolition, when he clocked 43.29 seconds, of American Lee Evans' world mark of 43.86 set at high altitude during the 1968 Mexico

City Olympics, installed him as the odds-on favourite for Seoul.

But he was left with silver after failing with a desperate bid to catch Lewis in the dying strides of a pulsating final.

"I'm not over that," Reynolds said, surrounded by bags bursting at the seams with their multi-coloured contents.

"That's always going to leave me determined to do my best and not let it happen again."

"I kind of beat myself (by running the world record first) but I must learn from it and use it as experience."

The 25-year-old from Ohio refuses to blame his world record-breaking performance for his failure in Seoul.

"I don't blame anything," he said.

"Right now I'd better have the world record — that's what I've earned, that's what I deserve. But if you'd asked me that in July last year, I'd have said let me have the gold."

"Records are meant to be broken but once you have a gold medal, there's nobody who can



Reynolds (No. 131) grimaces as he heads for the finish line and a new world record last year.

take that away from you."

Reynolds admitted his Olympic defeat indicated he lacked championship-winning quality.

"It was a problem getting up for Seoul after running 43.29," he said. "I couldn't find that emotional high in Seoul which true champions just bring out."

"They don't let that right hand down for that sneaky punch but that's what I did — I let my right hand down."

Reynolds was chasing victory again here today but believed another world record performance was unlikely.

After spending the early part of the year contemplating a

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